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(Intervention by Turkey)

Mr. President,

Turkey welcomes the US delegation.

We are concerned about the use of disproportionate force by the police, as highlighted recently in Ferguson and Baltimore.

We are also concerned about continued domestic violence against women and poor protection services for sexually exploited children.

While welcoming that some states abolished the death penalty, continued executions and death penalty in 32 states still constitute a violation of the right to life.

To address some shortcomings Turkey would like to make **following recommendations:**

1. Take steps to eradicate discrimination and intolerance against any ethnic, racial or religious group and ensure equal opportunity for their economic, social and security rights.
2. Implement necessary measures to put an end to the disproportionate use of force against individuals and respect the right of peaceful protest.
3. Impose a moratorium on executions and abolish the death penalty in all US states.
4. Ratify CEDAW.
5. Improve the legal basis that would ensure respect for the privacy of individuals.

I thank you, Mr. President.