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(Statement by Turkey)

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Mr. President,

We cordially welcome the Australian delegation.

Turkey commends the steps taken by Australia to further protect and promote human rights through focused institutional programmes, like the National Anti-Racism Strategy.

Particularly, we applaud the commitment on the constitutional recognition of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and the vision set forward for enhancing their rights. Likewise, we encourage efforts to eradicate violence against women and girls, and to promote empowerment of women.

However, we remain concerned about Australia's record on the protection of the rights of migrants, especially of women and children at offshore facilities.

Turkey's recommendations are as follows:

1. Incorporate international human rights obligations into domestic law by adopting a comprehensive Human Rights Act at federal level.
2. Ratify OP-CAT.
3. Sign and ratify ICRMW.
4. Instill a transparent, human rights-based approach related to the treatment of asylum seekers following their arrival, including the cessation of transfers to third countries.
5. Further strengthen efforts towards birth registration for all, with a view to encouraging access to relevant procedures.

Thank you, Mr. President.