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(Intervention by Turkey)

Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Myanmar and thank them for their presentation today.

Turkey commends the important transition and reform process that have been realized in the last four years. We call on the Government of Myanmar to continue to address the remaining challenges and pursue the path of reform and democracy.

However, the human rights situation in Rakhine State and the plight of Muslim community all over the country have deteriorated since 2012. Especially in view of the upcoming elections, we are seriously concerned about the deprivation of the Rohingyas of their right to vote. Turkey calls on the Government of Myanmar to conduct a fair and transparent election process.

Turkey would like to make following **recommendations**:

1. Sign and ratify ICCPR, CAT and CERD.
2. Ensure the safe and voluntary return of all IDP's to their place of origin.
3. Achieve tolerance and peaceful existence in all parts of society by promoting interfaith and intercommunal dialogue.
4. Remove provisions in the 1982 Citizenship Law that grant citizenship on the basis of ethnicity or race and amend the Law to avoid statelessness.
5. Engage closely with the UN human rights system, including treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders.
6. Remove discriminatory provisions of the "Protection of Race and Religion Law".
7. Expedite the establishment of an OHCHR office with a full mandate.

I thank you, Mr. President.