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Mr. President,

We cordially welcome the distinguished delegation of Oman and thank them for their comprehensive presentation.

We are pleased to note that following its first review, Oman made remarkable progress in the field of human rights.

In particular, we commend the achievements concerning the right to education of women and girls, as well as the development of healthcare services for elder persons. Turkey also welcomes the introduction of an electronic wage protection system designed to verify the payment of salaries by enterprises in due time.

Turkey encourages Oman to continue its efforts for the promotion of women's rights in various fields, especially in the area of discrimination against women, as well as regarding women's representation in political life, particularly through representation in decision-making mechanisms such as the Shura Council.

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

1. Strengthen efforts to promote the active presence of women in society and in political life, including by combating stereotypes through awareness-raising campaigns.
2. Develop a mainstreaming strategy for women's rights, to be applied to policies in all fields, with a view to ensure gender equality.
3. Ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.
4. Improve the access of disabled children to education by increasing the number of specialized educational teams and customized facilities.
5. Ensure effective monitoring of the electronic wage protection system at national level and extend its implementation to all the companies based in Oman.

Thank you, Mr. President.