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(Intervention by Turkey)

Mr. President,

We would like to thank the distinguished delegation of Denmark for their comprehensive presentation.

Turkey commends Denmark's active engagement and cooperation with international human rights mechanisms. Being aware that Denmark is hosting a relative high number of refugees, we also welcome its contributions to humanitarian aid efforts and development programs worldwide.

While appreciating Denmark's active role in promoting and defending human rights, we are concerned about the rise of xenophobia and Islamophobia, which create an atmosphere of insecurity. Turkey encourages the Government to strengthen its efforts to eliminate all acts of racism, xenophobia and discrimination in society, with a view to create an environment of tolerance and intercultural understanding.

In regard of family reunifications we also remain concerned about restrictive measures, which might constitute an impediment to the right to family life.

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

1. Develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to combat xenophobia and racial discrimination.
2. Take further measures to facilitate family reunifications.
3. Sign and ratify ICRMW.

In conclusion, we wish Denmark every success during its 2nd UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.