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SEYCHELLES – Statement by Turkey  
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Mr President,

Turkey warmly welcomes the delegation of Seychelles and wishes to thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We appreciate the efforts made by Seychelles to improve the country's human rights situation, such as the establishment of national human rights bodies.

Seychelles has already signed several international agreements on corruption, including the United Nations Convention against Corruption. In this respect, we encourage the Government to start without delay the enactment process of the law establishing an independent 'Anti-Corruption Commission'.

We commend Seychelles for having issued a standing invitation to the Special Procedures in 2012. It is particularly noteworthy that the Government has since accepted all country visit requests extended by mandate holders.

Against this backdrop, Turkey would like to make the following recommendations:

- Ratify OP-CAT.
- Allocate more resources to its human rights bodies in order to ensure their effective functioning in line with international standards.
- Adopt a comprehensive strategy to combat violence against women and a comprehensive law on violence against women that specifically criminalizes domestic violence
- ~~To~~ finalize the draft national gender policy and its action plan.
- Develop a comprehensive national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against ill-treatment of children.

Thank you.