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REVIEW of Papua New Guinea
Intervention by Turkey
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Mr. President,

Turkey warmly welcomes the Delegation of Papua New Guinea and thanks them for their presentation today.

Turkey commends the steps taken by Papua New Guinea to protect and promote human rights through focused institutional policies and pertinent legal instruments, such as “Family Protection Act”, “Child Protection Act” and the “Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Policy”.

We welcome the standing invitation extended to UN Special Procedures. In this vein, we **recommend** Papua New Guinea to fulfill its reporting obligations under treaty bodies.

Turkey **recommends** the Government of Papua New Guinea to accede to CAT, OP-CAT, ICRMW and the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.

Turkey **recommends** Papua New Guinea to maintain its moratorium on death sentences and to take the necessary steps for the abolishment of the death penalty, including the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Turkey also **recommends** Papua New Guinea to take further measures and strengthen its legislation to prevent and punish all forms of violence against women and girls.

Turkey commends the efforts of the government of Papua New Guinea which through the Civil Registration Act and the National Identity Project, aims to register all citizens and provide them with a birth certificate. We **recommend** that the registration system be further improved and supported by awareness-raising activities, in order to sustain the rise in registration numbers.

We wish all the success to Papua New Guinea during its second cycle review.

Thank you, Mr. President.