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## STATE UNDER REVIEW: TAJIKISTAN

(Statement by Turkey)

Mr. President,

Turkey would like to thank the delegation of Tajikistan for their comprehensive presentation.

We appreciate the Tajik Government's efforts to increase human rights standards in different areas. In this respect, Turkey attaches great importance to the development of democracy, rule of law and civil rights in Tajikistan.

Within this context, Turkey welcomes the reform program adopted by the Presidential Decree of 3 January 2011 aimed at enhancing the role of courts in defending human and civil rights. Likewise, the Act signed by the President in June 2011 on procedures and conditions for the detention of suspects, accused persons and persons on trial is also worth mentioning. We further commend that numerous national plan of actions were adopted. It has to be kept in mind, that their success can only be achieved if they are implemented appropriately and in due course.

However, we remain concerned about reported shortcomings in some fields.

Thus, Turkey would like to **recommend** the following:

1. Sign and ratify ICCPR-OP 2.
2. Sign and ratify OP-CAT.
3. Consider issuing a standing invitation to special procedures.
4. Take necessary measures to ensure the right to fair trial.
5. Abolish all limitations with respect to freedom of religion and expression.
6. Explore all the ways for enabling the development of a pluralistic society in a peaceful environment.

Finally, Turkey will continue to cooperate with Tajikistan in every possible field in a true spirit of friendship and wishes Tajikistan success during its 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.