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**STATEMENT BY TURKEY**

Mr. Vice President,

Turkey welcomes the delegation of India and its National Report.

India has a special place as the world’s largest democracy and its efforts to ensure provision of better social, economic, cultural and environmental conditions to its citizens are positively noted.

In this regard, campaigns launched by Indian government to improve the lot of different segments of Indian society such as "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" for economic opportunities and "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" for girls' education are appreciated.

We encourage India to strengthen the mandate of the National Human Rights Commission to address greater variety of human rights issues.

Our recommendations are as follows:

(1) Accelerate work on the protection of the rights of the children and the women in particular.

(2) Ratify the Convention Against Torture (CAT).

1. Enact the Prevention of Torture Bill currently pending in the parliament in compliance with the CAT.

I thank you Mr. Vice President