**UPR 28th Session**

**REVIEW of Republic of Korea**

**Intervention by Turkey**

Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Korea and thank them for their comprehensive presentation today.

We are pleased to observe that the Republic of Korea stands as a country with considerable experience and significant achievement in the promotion of human rights.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT);

2. To adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, which explicitly addresses all spheres of life and prohibits discrimination on any grounds;

3. To strengthen mechanisms for preventing and eliminating xenophobic discourse in all spheres of life;

4. To further improve the birth registration system so as to ensure universal birth registration to all children born in the territory of the Republic of Korea, regardless of the status of the parents;

5. To take further steps so as to enact a comprehensive and general legislation for the prevention of gender-based violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.