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**(Statement by Turkey)**

Mr. President,

Turkey warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Pakistan.

We would like to congratulate Pakistan on its election as a member to the HRC. Turkey sincerely believes that Pakistan will again make valuable contributions to the global human rights agenda during its tenure in the Council.

It is encouraging to witness the steady and persistent efforts by the Government of Pakistan to continue to advance human rights standards. Within this context, we appreciate Pakistan’s tangible endeavors to harmonize progress at the legal dimension and institutional level. In particular, we welcome the ten-year socio-economic development plan of FATA, the 11th Five-year Plan as well as the Vision 2025 program.

Turkey also takes note of the adoption of the National Action Plan on Human Rights and appreciates the significant funding allocated to the implementation of the plan.

We would like to make **following recommendations**:

1. Continue to codify all legislation related with human rights, with a view of transforming it into one national system.
2. Continue to raise the level of protection of human rights of vulnerable groups, with particular reference to eliminate child labor.

In conclusion, we wish Pakistan every success during its third UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.