**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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**REVIEW OF RWANDA**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

**(25 January 2021)**

Madame President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Rwandan delegation.

We welcome the efforts of Rwanda in promoting and protecting human rights since its last review.

We commend the steps taken by the Rwandan Government with regards to gender equality and empowerment of women. Through her partnership with the UNDP, Turkish government is one of the supporters of the gender seal initiative which is intended to strengthen women in private sector.

Having said that, **we recommend** the Government of Rwanda to,

1) Enable more opportunities in rural areas in terms of educational facilities.

2) Facilitate the employment of Persons with Disabilities in both public and private sectors and ensure their access to all public services.

3) Continue its efforts to identify, track and rehabilitate the child trafficking and child labour victims.

4) Increase the awareness of Rwandan population concerning ratified regional and international human rights conventions and instruments in order for full enjoyment and the recognition of their human rights.

I thank you.