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Madam President,

We would like to thank the delegation of Seychelles for their presentation.

We praise the Government and people of Seychelles on the exemplary conduct of peaceful and transparent presidential and parliamentary elections held in October 2020, despite the challenging conditions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We welcome the establishment of the “Seychelles Ombudsman Office” which provides a platform for citizens to bring forward issues regarding misconduct, human rights violations, fraud and corruption in the public sector.

Turkey commends the work done by the “Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Commission” with respect to the alleged human rights abuses committed during, or in relation to the coup d’etat of 1977.

We also welcome the establishment of a high-level “National Coordinating Committee on Trafficking in Persons” for the prohibition, prevention and combating of this serious crime.

Finally, Turkey **recommends** Seychelles to ratify the “Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment”.

We wish Seychelles all success during its 3rd UPR.

Thank you.