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**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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Madam Vice President,

We welcome the delegation of Papua New Guinea and thank them for their presentation.

We commend the engagement and dialogue of Papua New Guinea with the OHCHR in line with the target of increasing its efforts to provide equal rights for members of the society and to strengthen the rule of law.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government which through the Civil Registration Act and the National Identity Project, which aims to register all citizens to provide them with a birth certificate.

We also commend the establishment of Independent Commission Against Corruption and Special Parliamentary Committee on Gender Based Violence.

Turkey recommends Papua New Guinea;

1. To accede to Convention Against Torture and its Optional Protocol, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
2. To raise the age of criminal responsibility.
3. To further improve the civil registration system by awareness raising activities in order to sustain the rise in registration numbers.

We wish Papua New Guinea all success during its 3rd UPR.

Thank you.