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Türkiye welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ecuador and thanks for its comprehensive presentation.

We are pleased to see that Ecuador made notable progress in the field of human rights in general and women’s rights in particular.

We welcome President Lasso's decision to transform the Secretariat for Human Rights into a Ministry for Women and Human Rights.

Türkiye encourages the government of Ecuador to continue its efforts for further progress in various fields.

Therefore, we would like to recommend the following:

1. Continue comprehensive efforts related to women’s rights with a focus on rural areas.
2. Sustain efforts to improve securityand living conditions in prisons.
3. Intensify measures to address the issue of child malnutrition and access to health services in rural areas.