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**Intervention by the Republic of Türkiye**

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Mr. President,

Türkiye welcomes the delegation of the Netherlands.

We appreciate the Dutch Government’s national policy towards strengthening the protection of human rights in legislation and through monitoring bodies, including the recent appointment of a National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism.

We recommend the Netherlands to:

-adopt and implement policies to address discrimination in public service.

-take all necessary measures to combat racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and antisemitisim and eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against migrants, Muslims and people of African descent.

-address selective and discriminatory practices vis-a-vis asylum seekers from different parts of the world.

-reinstitute Turkish mother tongue lessons as part of the primary and secondary school curricula in order to improve the academic performance of these children.

-review the implementation of compulsory “civic integration exam” for Turkish citizens, as such an exemption is a right derived from Turkish-EU Association Agreement.

Thank you.