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Thank you, Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Sri Lanka and we appreciate the presentation of their national report.

We are pleased to observe that Sri Lanka amended the Prevention of Terrorism Act and held an All-Party Conference to revive reconciliation process.

We believe that the momentum of reforms and reconciliation should be kept in order to strengthen democratic governance, rule of law and the fundamental rights of Sri Lankan citizens.

While fully recognizing the economic and social challenges that Sri Lanka has been going through, Türkiye recommends Sri Lanka to:

- Continue human rights education and capacity building programs to ensure strengthening investigative skills of prosecutors and police officers,

- Effectively implement the Cabinet-approved National Policy on Reconciliation and Coexistence in Sri Lanka,

- Continue to economically and socially empower women to prevent all forms of gender-based violence and to contribute to the development of Sri Lankan society.

I thank you.