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**Statement by Türkiye**

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Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the Burundi Delegation and thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We are pleased to observe the commitment of Burundi to the UPR process and its efforts to fulfil its human rights obligations.

We note with appreciation the efforts of the Burundian authorities to strengthen freedom of media and expression by reopening some of the media outlets.

In a constructive spirit Türkiye recommends Burundi to:

1. Continue its efforts in improving legislation, institutions and mechanisms to strengthen the enjoyment of the human rights.
2. Finalize the new national strategy for the socioeconomic reintegration of disaster victims.
3. Sustain the momentum in the voluntary return of refugees through active policies and awareness raising programs

Thank you, Mr. President.