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**(Statement by Turkey)**

Mr. President,

We welcome the German delegation and thank them for their presentation.

Turkey notes with appreciation Germany’s leading role in dealing with the refugee crisis in Europe. However, regrettably there has been a surge in xenophobic activities of far-right groups, daily discriminatory incidents, rising intolerance and Islamophobia in the last couple of years.

We **recommend**:

1. Take effective measures to counter xenophobia, intolerance and Islamophobia.
2. Designate an institution such as the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency, with a mandate to receive and investigate complaints on hate crimes.
3. Enhance reporting and recording mechanisms and procedures on hate crimes and improve data collection systems for statistics and regularly publicize such information.
4. Ensure equal access to education and take effective measures to eliminate structural obstacles in the education system for students with migrant background, taking into account observations and recommendations of CERD.
5. Designate an independent and impartial institution to undertake a comprehensive study on implementation of recommendations of committees of inquiry established by the Bundestag and some state parliaments to investigate the murders committed by the NSU.

I thank you, Mr. President.