**30TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**STATE UNDER REVIEW: CUBA**

**STATEMENT BY TURKEY**

**MAY 16, 2018**

Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Cuba.

We commend the economic and social steps taken by the Cuban Government since its last UPR.

We are aware of the unfavorable consequences of the unilateral embargo imposed by the US, which is having a negative impact on potential influx of foreign investments to Cuba.

We commend the extensive progress Cuba has achieved in the fields of health and education.

We make the following friendly recommendations:

- To continue giving particular attention to the protection of the rights of the child;

- To increase the use of the e-government as a method to improve the interrelation between citizens and the government at all levels;

- To continue to implement measures to eliminate gender stereotypes in the national idiosyncrasy;

-To continue efforts to counteract all forms of racial discrimination;

-To continue efforts to increase public awareness about trafficking in persons.

Thank you.