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**(Statement by Turkey)**

Mr. President,

Turkey warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bangladesh.

We commend Bangladesh efforts to advance human rights standards and its cooperation with international human rights mechanisms. Within this context, Turkey appreciates the adoption of national legislation on various topics as well as new policies for the promotion and protection of human rights.

We are very well aware of the difficult circumstances in the face of the sudden influx of Rohingya refugees to Bangladesh and do sincerely commend the constructive role played by Bangladesh and its genuine efforts to address this acute humanitarian situation.

Turkey would like to make **following recommendations**:

1. Continue to strengthen human and financial resources of the National Human Rights Commission.
2. Continue to invest in quality education for creating a knowledge-based society to ensure equality, justice and peace.

In conclusion, we wish Bangladesh every success during its third UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.