**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

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Mr. President,

Turkey welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation and thanks them for the comprehensive National Report.

We find noteworthy the efforts of the Russian Government to strengthen the legal and structural framework for the promotion and protection of human rights.

We also know that there is always room for improvement in this area.

It is the responsibility of every nation to secure human rights for its citizens, and as such, we all have responsibilities to fulfill.

Turkey on her part will remain in close contact with all parties and provide its contribution when and where possible. Indeed, our relevant bodies are in touch with Russian authorities in this respect.

Meanwhile, having millions of citizens of Crimean Tatar origin, we follow closely the situation in Crimea with a particular emphasis on the safety and well-being of the Crimean Tatars.

We are hoping that Russian authorities will take the necessary steps to improve their situation as well as addressing issues related to other shortcomings.

Thank you, Mr. President.