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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Mexico.

At the outset, Turkey congratulates Mexico for the elections held on July 1st, which were organized in a free, fair and transparent manner. For the third successive election, power at varying levels of government will change hands from one party to another, in a plural and smooth way as a testament to the democratic maturity of Mexican institutions and its people.

We welcome the adoption of two very important laws this year: the General Law on Enforced Disappearances and the General Act on the Prevention, Investigation and Punishment of Torture.

**We recommend that Mexico continue taking the necessary steps at the federal level, as well as at the state and local level, to fully implement the aforementioned legislation, and to strengthen the existing national protection mechanisms.**

We understand and acknowledge the specific domestic security threats that Mexico faces. In this regard, we have followed the preparation of the Interior Security Act of 2017. While implementation is pending, we look forward to there being an open and inclusive debate about the potential repercussions of it.

Finally, we commend the advanced legislation and mechanisms put in place to ensure gender equality and eliminate all forms of violence against women and encourage Mexico to continue its efforts towards implementation.

Thank you.