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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the Slovak delegation and thank them for their presentation.

Turkey commends the efforts of Slovakia to eliminate discrimination against members of the Roma minority in the community. Persisting discrimination, however, still remains and targets especially children and women in the area of education and health services.

We welcome the adoption of the National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in 2015, which identifies the priorities in the field of human rights.

Turkey would like to make the following recommendations of the Government of Slovakia:

1. Ratify the Istanbul Convention- Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

2. Continue its work on addressing discrimination and segregation faced by the Roma minority with regards to the access to public services such as education and health.

Thank you.