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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Chile and thank them for their national report. We commend the progress achieved in the field of human rights in the country.

Turkey appreciates Chile’s commitment for becoming a party to a number of international treaties in this field.

We note that concrete actions are taken by the Government for the prevention of torture such as drafting a bill on designation of the National Human Rights Institution as the national mechanism. **We recommend** Chile to expedite the process for the adoption of the bill in the Congress. **We also recommend** the Government to address the concerns raised about the future operation of this mechanism in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Chile’s efforts in addressing the problems of the most vulnerable groups in the society such as indigenous people, women and children are noteworthy. We commend the announcement of the National Agreement for Development and Peace in Araucania and the signing of an agreement between the National Indigenous Development Agency and the Latin American Centre for Rural Development. Turkey will constructively observe Chile’s efforts for an egalitarian society and looks forward to positive outcomes of the reforms implemented by the Government.

Lastly, Turkey commends Chile for introducing a new system that has made the Congress more representative and increased the number of women in both chambers of the Congress.

I thank you Mr. President.