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Mr. President,

We thank the delegation of Bhutan for its national report and comprehensive presentation.

We have observed with pleasure that Bhutan accepted 103 out of 163 recommendations from the second cycle of the UPR and implemented 102 of these so far.

The cooperation between the lawmakers and the ministers on topics of human rights, upholding the democracy which is already 10 years old, and the participation of women in all aspects of life are commendable.

We are pleased to observe that the efforts of the governments to reduce poverty have produced favorable results.

The rise in literacy rates, rise of life expectancy, increase in number of schools as well as early childhood care centers, improvements of student/teacher ratio are also applaudable.

We welcome the steps taken by the governments to control corruption in Bhutan, as they are highly praised in the most recent report of the UN Development Programme.

**We recommend** Bhutan to spend more efforts and take measures for job creations and address the youth unemployment issue.

Bhutan is at the forefront of the negative consequences of global warming and climate change. As one of the development partners of Bhutan, Turkey will always be ready to extend its full support in all ways to Bhutan.

Thank you Mr. President.