**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (34th SESSION)**

**REVIEW OF ITALY**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Italy and thank them for the presentation of their report.

Turkey commends the inclusion of the crime of torture into the Italian criminal law in 2017 as well as Italy’s ratification of the İstanbul Convention in 2013.

National Anti-Racial Discrimination Office (UNAR) suggests that in 2018 there was 82% increase in racist discrimination cases in Italy. Violence against migrants of different origins along with the hate speech by some politicians against migrants have also been a particular concern.

Within this context, while commending the positive steps taken by the Italian governments so far, **we recommend** Italy to:

**1) Increase number of labor inspectors, especially in rural areas to combat migrants’ labor exploitation,**

**2) Improve its migration legislation in line with the internationally accepted practices and regulations,**

**3) Implement programs and activities to stop hate speech in all aspects of the society,**

**4) Take necessary measures to protect the vulnerable groups and provide means for their inclusion into the society, such as Roma.**

Finally, we wish Italy the very best in its third UPR Cycle.

Thank you Mr. President.