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**REVIEW OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and thank them for the comprehensive National Report they have submitted today.

We highly appreciate the efforts by Bosnia and Herzegovina to address the recommendations from the second review in a comprehensive manner.

We welcome this constructive approach which demonstrates Bosnia and Herzegovina’s determination to improve its institutional and legal framework in the field of human rights.

Within this context, **we recommend** Bosnia and Herzegovina to:

**1) Harmonize the conditions of the regions where displaced people and returnees are living in the wake of the war such as having property and effectively accessing to education, in line with the Constitution of Bosnia & Herzegovina and European Convention on Human Rights.**

**2) Implement programs and activities to stop hate speech at all levels in order to accelerate the integration of the returnees to promote peaceful cohabitation.**

Finally, we would like to emphasize that Turkey is ready to collaborate with Bosnia & Herzegovina in its efforts to protect and promote human rights and wish success for the 3rd review.

Thank you Mr. President.