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Review of Turkey

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Madame President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Turkey. We commend the Government for the progress achieved since the last UPR session, especially for the establishment of the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey (HREIT), which serves as a preventative mechanism against different forms of discrimination.

We see equally important raising awareness among families regarding the importance of education of girls.

We have three recommendations:

1. Continue the efforts to promote school attendance of girls, particularly in rural area.
2. Consider revising current law according to which the right to conscientious objection to military service is a criminal act.
3. Consider the introduction of civil service for conscientious objectors to military service.

Croatia wishes the delegation of Turkey a successful review session.

Thank you.