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**Review of Turkey**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Madam President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Turkey and thanks for the presentation of the National report that demonstrates the country’s adherence to the UPR process.

We positively note the establishment of new mechanisms which strengthen national human rights protection system, in particular the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey (HREIT) and the adoption of the Judicial Reform Strategy 2019-2023.

Recognizing that many challenges still exist, Ukraine recommends to the Government of Turkey:

1) to consider ratifying the ICPPED and the OP to the CRC on a communications procedure;

2) to reinforce efforts aimed at safeguarding rights of persons with disabilities including guaranteeing their access to inclusive education;

3) to continue taking steps to prevent violence against children and eliminate child labour;

4) to ensure the independence and transparency of the HREIT in line with the Paris Principles.

We wish the delegation of Turkey a successful review session.

**I thank you.**