**UPR 36TH SESSION**

**COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: HONDURAS**

**Intervention by Turkey**

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Madam President,

We would like to welcome the delegation of Honduras and thank them for their presentation.

We commend the efforts of the Government to create necessary mechanisms and instruments to promote and protect human rights.

We also appreciate the hard work undertaken by the Government to strengthen the legal framework of human rights by adopting both international and national documents.

Nevertheless, there are various concerns regarding human rights, equality and access to public services, in particular education and health services.

While appreciating the decrease in homicides, the level of violence and gang-related activities is another source of concern.

Accordingly, we **recommend** Honduras to strengthen its national police force to address the nationwide security in a more efficient and effective way with due regard to human rights, abstain from creating new law enforcement bureaucracies to tackle the problem, and confine the Armed Forces to its traditional role.

Furthermore, we **recommend** Honduras to continue to take necessary measures to eliminate corruption, combat impunity and protect the state apparatus from the influence of organized criminal groups.

Finally, we wish Honduras all success during its 3rd UPR.

Thank you.