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Madame President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the USA.

We are concerned about the rising racial tensions fuelled by the use of excessive force by the police.

Rising Islamophobia and anti-Semitism add a particularly worrisome dimension to this situation.

Having said that, Turkey would like to **recommend** the United States of America:

1. Take urgent measures to counter institutionalized racism, especially within law enforcement agencies, and improve the legal framework with a view to eradicating discrimination and intolerance against ethnic, racial and religious groups;

2. Address the growing influence of extremist groups, such as white supremacists, within law enforcement agencies and start comprehensive training mechanisms focused on human rights and fundamental freedoms for law enforcement members;

3. Ensure equal, full and rapid access for all segments of U.S. society to free healthcare in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic;

4. Institute adequate mechanisms and means to deal with migratory flows in full respect with human dignity and international standards.

I thank you.