



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN

Geneva

Statement, delivered Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan Permanent Representative, during Interactive consideration of UPR outcome of Turkey at the 45th Session of the Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey and thanks them for presenting an update on the accepted recommendations.

We commend the Government of Turkey for accepting majority of the recommendations, including ours, which were made during the UPR Working Group Session in January. We welcome Turkey's efforts to provide protection, free health-care and education services as well as psychological support, vocational training and social activities to refugees living in Turkey. We also appreciate Turkey's zero tolerance against torture policy (2003), and introduction of a comprehensive set of legislation and other measures to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish all acts of torture and ill treatment.

We wish Turkey every success in the implementation of accepted recommendations.

We request the Council to adopt UPR outcome report of Turkey with consensus.

I thank you.