**The Republic of Turkey’s Contributions to the Process of Consideration of the State of the UN Human Rights Treaty Body System**

Turkey supports the review process of the UN Human Rights Treaty Body System, in particular, the “Simplified Reporting Procedure” (SRP) suggested in the UN General Assembly Resolution 68/268.

Turkey believes that the SRP can help ensure that the process focuses on most relevant and important issues. Furthermore, it facilitates the collaboration between different public institutions during the drafting process.

However, certain adjustments need to be made in order to enhance the efficiency of this system. Accordingly, Turkey is of the view that;

* The human rights treaty bodies should work towards the harmonization of their working methods and the elaboration of an aligned methodology for the SRPs. List of issues submitted by the treaty bodies should be focused and solely related to the mandate of the respective treaty body. In other words, same or similar issues should not be forwarded to States parties from different treaty bodies with a view to avoiding duplication of the issues presented and replies submitted.
* For States opting for the SRP, prior requirements should be avoided as much as possible. For instance, The SRP should be offered to all States parties, whether or not their reports are overdue.
* The number of questions to be included in the list of issues prior to reporting should be limited by treaty bodies, as underlined in Resolution 68/268 and as done so, for example, by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

In addition, Turkey wishes to underline the importance of strengthening the independence and impartiality of treaty body members as well as non-politicization of their duties.

Turkey believes that the current system of processing individual communications should be improved as well. Applications should undergo a more scrutinized review in all stages, i.e.

i) during the registration process,

ii) while checking if the requirements for the admissibility are met,

iii) while considering the communication on its merits.

Lastly, the UN database for States parties reports to the treaty bodies should be updated more frequently and be more user-friendly.