



RIGHT OF REPLY STATEMENT BY TURKEY

In response to the statement of the Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans at Working Session 5 of the 2013 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Warsaw, 25 September 2013

Thank you Madam Moderator.

I would like to refer to a statement made in this session concerning the Greek Orthodox Minority in Turkey. It would seem, from the experience of the past few years, that this subject has lately become a litany in various Human Dimension Implementation Meeting sessions. During the past two days alone my delegation replied twice to statements on this issue. We believe that our previous replies have outlined clearly enough Turkey's constructive attitude towards the Greek Orthodox Minority and the concrete steps being taken by my Government to address the Minority's concerns. In fact, the intervention made during this session also alluded to the legislative reforms enacted in Turkey since 2002, from which the Greek Orthodox Minority has also benefited.

Thank you.