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**STATEMENT BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY
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Mr. Chairperson,

I took note of the EU statement repeating its concerns on the freedom of media and expression in Turkey on the occasion of a study prepared apparently on the request by the Representative on Freedom of the Media.

Turkey is determined to continue its cooperation and dialogue with the Representative. With this understanding, the points made by Ms. Mijatovic last week will be carefully considered by my authorities.

In my intervention of 10 March, I have taken the opportunity to inform the Permanent Council on the recent legal changes as well as on the situation with regard to ongoing investigations.

As acknowledged by the EU, the reform process in Turkey has already yielded its positive results. We will pursue this process vigorously in line with our commitment to ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of expression, be respected and safeguarded.

Thank you.