

H.E Ambassador Mr. Ahmet Uzümcü

TURKEY

Mr. President,

I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your revised text. We see it as a good package and we have noted your attempts to strike several balances taking into account the concerns of different groups and individual countries.

Turkey strongly believes that this process should be finalized without calling for a vote ~~on~~ ^{Mr. Pao} any part of the package. In fact, such an approach would be in line with your inclusive way of conducting consultations and your tireless efforts aimed at reaching a wider consensus involving all states and not only the current members of the Human Rights Council.

As regards the details of the text I would like to make a few remarks:

- Concerning the reference to the international humanitarian law within the UPR context, we welcome the new wording. However, it is still our belief that a review process which takes IHL as one of its basis is beyond the mandate of this august body.

- With regard to the approval of the outcome report of the UPR by the Council, in view of concerns expressed by different groups and countries, we are asking ourselves, whether the approval of recommendations by the Council is the right procedure to be applied. Indeed, if the Council could just 'take note' or simply 'note' the recommendations, many questions raised ^{yesterday} ~~today~~ and previously would be removed. We could thereby ^{also reduce} ~~diminish~~ the ~~potential~~ risk of politisation of the whole process.

In doing so,
or should I say, de-politization

- On the special procedures, we welcome the amendments concerning the selection of the mandate holders. The selection procedure foreseen in the new text is transparent, inclusive and clearly articulated with prescribed timeframes. The only element which, in our view, raises questions is the new function entrusted to the Consultative Group as an appeal mechanism. We understand that the intention of this amendment is not to set up a cumbersome process that could create an unnecessary workload for the Consultative Group. Therefore, we think that the reference to the "appeal mechanism" in the text could be replaced with a different wording and I quote "The Consultative Group shall give due consideration to

the exclusion of nominated candidates from the public list of eligible candidates, brought to its attention." unquote.

- On the complaint procedure, we welcome the way you underlined its confidentiality. The confidentiality had proved to be helpful for the cooperation of the State concerned. Therefore, we found the last revision useful for the smooth functioning of this mechanism.

- As far as ^{the} rules of procedure are concerned we are in favour of maintaining existing SA rules for all kinds of Council decisions.

- Very briefly on the Code of Conduct, we would like to thank the African Group for the revised text. We appreciate their efforts to accommodate the views and proposals of the other groups. We see the Code of Conduct as another pillar of the reform process of the Special Procedures. *and believe that it should be part of the package* We hope that a consensus can be reached on this important issue during this session of the Council.

- I thank you Mr. President.

constructive spirit which prevailed during
⑩ We are encouraged by ~~the discussions yesterday afternoon, at the informal meeting~~
the constructive atmosphere ^{and} the progress achieved ^{during} yesterday's discussion on the subject.