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**Item 6:  
Consideration of UPR reports**

**TURKEY**

Mr. President,

Amnesty International notes that Turkey has accepted a number of general recommendations concerning human rights issues in the country.<sup>1</sup> However, the more specific recommendations addressing these challenges have been rejected or considered "already implemented". This position brings into question Turkey's real commitment to act on the recommendations it has accepted.

This was also the case with Turkey's first UPR in 2010 where it accepted a number of recommendations pertaining to human rights concerns which have since deteriorated.<sup>2</sup>

We are very disappointed that Turkey has rejected, or considers already implemented, key recommendations to amend or abolish laws which are used to unfairly limit the right to freedom of expression. These more specific recommendations hold the key to realising the goal of protecting free expression that Turkey has committed to.<sup>3</sup>

Hundreds of abusive prosecutions against journalists, activists and ordinary members of the public, for making statements critical of the government are regularly launched by the authorities and widespread blocking of internet sites continues. We call on

<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/29/15, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 13 April 2015, paragraph 148.117 (United States), 148.118 (Austria), 148.119 (France), 148.120 (Switzerland), 148.121 (United Kingdom), 148.122 (Sweden), 148.123 (Costa Rica), 148.124 (Botswana), 148.125 (Finland).

<sup>2</sup> A/HRC/15/13, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 17 June 2010, paragraph 100.66 (Australia), 100.71 (Chile), paragraph 100.73 (Japan)

<sup>3</sup> A/HRC/29/15, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 13 April 2015, paragraph 150.13 (Czech Republic), 150.14 (Canada), 150.15 (Spain), 150.17 (Spain), 150.18 (Ireland), 150.19 (Lithuania), 150.20 (Iceland), 150.21 (Czech Republic), 150.22 (France), 150.23 (Ireland).