

**47th Session of the Human Rights Council**  
**Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on her Annual Report**  
**(22 June 2021)**  
**Statement by Turkey**

Madame President,

We left behind a historically difficult year due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Turkey delivered medical supplies to 158 countries and 12 international organizations and urges member states to refrain from vaccine nationalism.

Israel continues to act with absolute impunity in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The international community has the responsibility to protect the Palestinians.

Turkey welcomed the convening of the Special Session of the HRC in May and looks forward the appointment of the members of the newly established International Independent Commission of Inquiry.

We attach importance to the protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Uyghur Turks and other Muslim minorities.

We respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and discuss this issue at every level with the Chinese side.

In this context, we call for more transparency on the situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

We join the international call for a meaningful, full-fledged and unrestricted visit of Madame High Commissioner to the region.

Xenophobia, racism, Islamophobia, anti-semitism and hate speech are on the rise.

This year we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic HRC resolution 16/18.

We believe that the Istanbul Process is the best remedy to fight against those menaces.

The people of Syria continue to face multiple and comprehensive crises.

The COVID-19 pandemic, economic problems as well as ongoing military offensives by the regime forces and terrorist attacks on the civilian population have deteriorated the already unbearable situation in the country.

Thank you.