

**Human Rights Council - 38<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**ANNUAL THEMATIC DISCUSSION ON TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION**  
**MIKTA STATEMENT**

Mr. Vice-President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the MIKTA countries, Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia.

At the outset, we would like to thank the panelists for their valuable inputs and the OHCHR for its comprehensive report.

We welcome the theme of the annual discussion under Item 10.

As strong supporters of multilateralism and the international rules-based order for human rights, peace and security, MIKTA highly values cooperation in the UN. We are also strongly committed to work together to achieve the goals set out in the 2030 Agenda aimed at building resilient societies “leaving no one behind”.

As stressed at various fora, promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda go hand in hand. They are complementary and mutually reinforcing.

We strongly support the Council’s mandate on technical assistance and capacity building, which constitutes an important tool aiming at strengthening the capacity of States to prevent human rights violations and comply with their obligations. In line with the spirit of Agenda Item 10, technical cooperation and capacity-building need to be based on dialogue and the consent of the States concerned. They are to be an inclusive exercise that encompasses all stakeholders, including the civil society and NHRIs so that they are relevant and impactful on the ground.

The report provides some concrete examples of human rights technical assistance in strengthening the capacity of various stakeholders in implementing the 2030 Agenda. In that context, we underscore human rights norms related to equality and non-discrimination in our efforts to implement the principle of leaving no one behind and the technical assistance provided in this regard.

Technical cooperation pertaining to human rights and the SDGs is a joint responsibility of all relevant UN agencies. We express the need to promote further policy coherence and enhanced coordination across the UN system so as to ensure effective and efficient delivery.

As MIKTA countries, we remain committed to working together as well as with our partners to promote efforts towards constructive dialogue, capacity-building and exchanges of best practices.

Thank you.