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## Human Rights Council

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#### Country under Review: Turkmenistan

#### Statement of Afghanistan

Afghanistan warmly welcomes the high-level delegation led by H.E Wepa Hajivev, the deputy foreign minister of Turkmenistan and thanks the delegation for presenting its National Report.

As a neighbor country with close bilateral relations with Turkmenistan Afghanistan commend the government of Turkmenistan for the significant progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly during the last four years, including its accession to a number of international Conventions.

Afghanistan commends the efforts made by Turkmenistan to bring its national legislations in line with its international treaty obligations.

My delegation is encouraged by the efforts undertaken by Turkmenistan for striking balance between the implementation of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

We likewise take note of the measures taken by Turkmenistan to facilitate the refugees, in particular the initiative of granting citizenship to refugees and stateless persons is commendable.

To further accelerate the progress in areas of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to propose the following recommendations:

- Establish a national human rights mechanism in full compliance with the Paris Principles.
- Concentrate on the implementation of the international human rights instruments that have been ratified by Turkmenistan.
- Continue its ongoing review of national laws to ensure that they are in line with its international human rights law obligations.
- Continue to conduct outreach activities to raise the awareness of people on human rights.

Thank you,

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Ambassador -

