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Statement of Bangladesh delegation during the UPR of Turkmenistan

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation appreciates H.E. Mr. Wepa Hajiyev for his comprehensive presentation.

Coming from a country that upholds secularism, it is a pleasure for my delegation to note that a high level of tolerance and a climate of religious harmony prevails in Turkmenistan. We are also pleased to note the efforts taken by the government of Turkmenistan for the promotion and protection of human rights in last four years.

My delegation welcomes areas of improvement in the human rights situation of the country including adoption of new Laws, the improving situation of education and health and adoption of the Culture Act. We have also noted the efforts of the government to constructively engage with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

However, as a country coming out of transition, Turkmenistan has its share of challenges and constraints as well, that impinge full enjoyment of human rights. Surely the country has to make further progress in some areas to meet the expectation of its people.

In view of the above, my delegation recommends that Turkmenistan:

1. Continues to further strengthen efforts for empowerment of women ; and
2. Considers further addressing violence against women through legal measures.

Thank you

