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Mr. President,

Brazil thanks the delegation of Turkmenistan for the presentation of its national report.

The document refers to long-term programs in the domain of social and economic development, with a view to improving the living conditions of vulnerable groups, including in rural areas. As a positive development, Brazil would appreciate if the delegation of Turkmenistan could elaborate on the implementation of these programs, perhaps mentioning concrete cases.

The report also highlights the approach adopted by Turkmenistan in the fight against HIV/AIDS, mainly underlining the role of prevention. In this respect, my delegation would be grateful if the delegation of Turkmenistan could provide further information about its program, in particular to address the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, such as non-discrimination and treatment.

Turning to recommendations, Brazil would respectfully like to recommend, as in the first cycle, that Turkmenistan adopts a standing invitation to human rights special procedures.

Furthermore, Brazil recommends that the country adopts specific legislation on domestic violence, in particular which ensures that (i) such violence constitutes a criminal offence; (ii) victims have access to means of redress; and (iii) perpetrators are held accountable.

Thank you.

