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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

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Thank you, Mr President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Turkmenistan to the second UPR cycle, headed by Mr. Wepa Hajiev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

We would like to thank Turkmenistan for the presentation of their comprehensive national report and for the interactive dialogue on the advancements and the remaining challenges for the country in the field of human rights.

We view positively the progress achieved in carrying out a number of initiatives providing human rights education through the school curricula and across the educational system.

We recommend that the authorities in Turkmenistan continue to train and improve the level of education and awareness of the judiciary and law enforcement bodies in the field of human rights.

We further note with appreciation the measures taken in the field of gender equality and the initiatives targeting elimination of the discrimination against women.

Bulgaria recommends that the state under review continues promoting and protecting the rights of women through the adoption of adequate laws and the introduction of institutional mechanisms.

Thank you.

