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My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan led by H.E. Mr. Wepa HAJIYEV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and his informative presentation of the national report.

We commend the Government of Turkmenistan for achievements and progress made in the implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR. We particularly commend the efforts made by the Turkmenistan for creating an enabling environment for the protection and promotion of human rights including elaboration and adoption of a new version of the Constitution, successful reform of the national legal system, implementation of 2011-2030 national programme for the social and economic development of Turkmenistan and etc.

We wish the Government of Turkmenistan all the best in furtherance of its positive effort for protection and promotion of human rights and in this respect would like to recommend the following:

- 1) to continue strengthening human rights culture and capacity-building
- 2) to continue improving the situation of education.