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Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan led by H.E. Mr. Wepa Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and appreciates the comprehensive report presented to the Council.

We are pleased to note the achievements of Turkmenistan in the elaboration and adoption of a new version of the Constitution and initiatives to lay down a foundation for political transformation in the country.

We commend the inclusion of provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into the Aviation Code and, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into the Family Code.

We encourage the Government of Turkmenistan to double its effort in fight cultural discrimination against women and girls as well as ethnic minorities.

Noting the positive developments of in the country, my delegation would like to recommend

- to promote and encourage locally based and member driven civil societies in the country.

Thank you