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**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
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On review of Turkmenistan**

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Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan led by H.E Mr Wepa HAJIYEV the distinguished Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and highly appreciates them for their presentation as well as their comprehensive national report.

My delegation also would like to praise Turkmenistan for positive steps that have been taken for the promotion and protection of human rights of its people particularly adoption of a new version of the Constitution as the logical outcome of progressive reforms in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the people.

Madam President,

Against this background, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Turkmenistan for its consideration:

- To continue its measures on the protection of the rights of women and children notably child support services;
- To carry on its engagement, in a constructive dialogue, with the United Nations human rights monitoring bodies;

-To keep on its endeavors on the development of policies in line with the 2012 General Juvenile Justice System development program;

- And to reinforce its legal measures on National Strategy on HIV that was approved in 2012 by the government.

Let me conclude by wishing prosperity for the delegation of Turkmenistan for further promotion and protection of human rights

Thank you