

**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic  
during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group  
on Turkmenistan  
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**Mr. President,**

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan and commends that Turkmenistan held a dialogue on human rights in March 2009 in the context of the universal periodic review. It has made considerable progress over the past period towards implementing its obligations in the framework of the recommendations made under the review.

We note with satisfaction that work has been stepped up on preparing and submitting country reports to the United Nations human rights treaty bodies. The recommendations of international organizations are taken into account during the implementation of the norms of international law in Turkmenistan's legal system.

On 14 December 2007, the Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Act was adopted, which establishes the legal and organizational foundation for combating trafficking in persons in Turkmenistan and provides State guarantees for freedom of the individual as well as protection of society from such practices.

**Mr. President,**

We welcome the efforts of Turkmenistan to promote and protect human rights, and would like to bring forward the following recommendations:

1. Continue to cooperate with the UN Human Rights Council Special Procedures, use opportunities for having country visits for the benefit of human rights situation improvement.

2. Strengthen the implementation of programs aimed at the rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking, including the provision of counselling, shelter, legal assistance and other rehabilitative services to victims.

3. Establish a national human rights mechanism in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation wishes Turkmenistan success in its endeavors in the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights.

I thank you!