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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Turkmenistan headed by H.E. Mr. Wepa Hajiyev, and thank them for the informative and detailed national report, its presentation today.

We would like to address the issue of enhanced cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council as demonstration of resolve of the country to promote the cause of human rights.

We note that a significant number of requests by the special procedures mandate holders to visit Turkmenistan have not been accepted yet. In this regard Latvia **recommends** to Turkmenistan to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests and eventually consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia **also recommends** to Turkmenistan to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align its legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including incorporating the Rome Statute definition of crimes and general principles, as well as adopting provisions enabling cooperation with the Court.

Thank you, Mr. President.