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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Turkmenistan
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Mr. President,

I would like to thank H.E. Mr. Wepa Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan for presenting the national report.

The Government of Turkmenistan has made strenuous efforts through amendments and adoption of new national legislations to meet its international human rights obligations such as Convention Against Torture, CEDAW, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Convention on the Rights of the Child. We welcome the establishment of the "Interdepartmental Commission on Compliance with Turkmenistan's International Obligations in the field of Human Rights". This reflects the commitment of the Government of Turkmenistan to promote and protect the human rights of its citizens.

Mr. President,

In the field of social welfare, efforts of the Government of Turkmenistan including introduction of the "Social Protection Code" should be appreciated. This code provides social benefits and state assistance to incapacitated persons, persons with disabilities and families with children.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Turkmenistan:

- to continue its efforts for establishment of a national human rights mechanism in full compliance with the Paris Principles.
- to continue to review national legislation in order to ensure that it is in line with the state's international human rights obligations.