

**Statement by Turkmenistan  
during the review of the People's Republic of China  
(22 October 2013)**

Thank you Mister President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the People's Republic of China and thank Head of the Delegation H.E. Ambassador WU Hailong, Special Envoy of MFA for providing with comprehensive national report.

We appreciate that China has ensured the ethnic minorities' rights to participate in various decision-makings. Ethnic minority deputies constituted a total of 13.69% of the deputies at the twelfth National People's Congress, exceeding the proportion of ethnic minorities in the overall population. The proportion of leading officials in ethnic-minority regions who are of the local ethnicity is also gradually rising.

Mister President,

Further we would like to propose the following recommendations:

- Continue advancing the construction of permanent houses for farmers and herdsmen in the region on a voluntary basis and in their real needs.
- continue its ongoing review of national laws to ensure that they are in line with its international human rights law obligations.

Thank you Mister President.