

**Statement by Turkmenistan
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Review of Afghanistan
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Thank you Mister President,

At the outset Turkmenistan warmly welcomes the high level delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to this session of UPR Working Group and thanks H.E. _____ for the comprehensive update.

We welcome the efforts undertaken by the Government of Afghanistan to strengthen its legislative, institutional and policy mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Turkmenistan commends Government of Afghanistan for having taken various measures to ensure peace, stability, democracy and establish a strong foundation for protection of human rights. Among which establishment of High Peace Council; Human Rights Support Units in Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense and National Directorate of Security; Reforms within Independent Election Commission and in Electoral Law; and Reforms in Electoral policies.

Further we would like to propose following recommendations:

1. Introduce and adopt gender strategy that should be implemented in the Higher Education Institutions.
2. Observe all human rights principles, international conventions and raise awareness among students in higher education institutions regarding Human Rights Values.
3. Develop an academic curriculum on the basis of human rights standards, values and international conventions.

Thank you Mister President.