

**Statement by Turkmenistan during 16<sup>th</sup> session of the Universal Periodic  
Review of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

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Thank you Mister President,

Turkmenistan welcomes the high level delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to this session of UPR Working Group and thanks H.E. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ for informative report.

We welcome the efforts undertaken by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to strengthen its legislative, institutional and policy mechanisms, including signing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2013, adoption of the Law on the Protection and Promotion of Child Rights and the Law on the Protection and Promotion of Women's Rights in 2012, for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Turkmenistan commends the changes in the education system, particularly promulgation of Compulsory Education to 12-year.

Further we propose following recommendations:

1. to carry out reproductive health strategy and other programs for the women's health with a view to reducing maternal mortality rate as set in the MDG.
2. to make efforts to supply quality drinking water and provide adequate cultural facilities to the rural population.

Thank you Mister President.