

Statement by Turkmenistan during the review of the Republic of Nicaragua

(7 May 2014)

Mr. President,

First of all we would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua to this session of the UPR Working Group and thank H.E. _____ for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts undertaken by the Government of Nicaragua to improve the human rights situation on the ground.

We welcome the adoption of the next phase of the National Human Development Plan for 2013-2017 with the aim of increasing productivity, generating wealth, reducing poverty and inequality, and incorporating new development challenges.

We are pleased to note that the Republic of Nicaragua has adopted new international instruments, including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and accordingly designated the Office of the Human Rights Advocate as the national preventive mechanism against torture.

Mr. President,

To further accelerate the progress in areas of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to propose the following recommendations:

- Continue implementation of the National Human Development Plan for 2013-2017;
- Continue its ongoing review of national laws to ensure that they are in line with its international human rights law obligations.

Thank you Mr. President.