

**Statement by Turkmenistan during the review of Qatar  
(7 May 2014)**

Mr. President,

First of all we would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of the State of Qatar and thank H.E. \_\_\_\_\_ for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts undertaken by the Government of Qatar to improve the human rights situation on the ground.

We note with appreciation that the Government of Qatar established the Supreme Council for Family Affairs which represents an important shift in concern for the family in general and for women in particular.

We welcome adoption various legislative, policy and strategic measures and steps in the context of strengthening and implementation the legal measures aimed at combating domestic violence, sexual assault and the exploitation of women and children.

We welcome the efforts by the government of Qatar for creating an enabling environment for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. President

Turkmenistan would like to propose the following recommendations:

- i. Consider accession to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- ii. 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.