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Thank you Mister President,

At the outset Turkmenistan warmly welcomes the high level delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to this session of UPR Working Group and thanks H.E. Dr. Mohammad Javad Ardeshir Larijani, Secretary General of the High Council for Human Rights and Advisor to the Chief of Judiciary on International Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the comprehensive update.

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

It is commendable that, within implementation of the "Children's Nutrition Program", Government of Iran has achieved improvement in children's nutrition by 40 percent and the number of nutrition counseling centers has increased from the original 80 in 2009 to 150 centers in 2013.

Turkmenistan commends Government of Iran for having taken various measures within Fifth National Development Plan to expand of health services in rural areas, in particular construction of 18,000 rural health clinics and 2500 treatment centers.

Further we would like to propose following recommendations:

1. Enhance its efforts to strengthen women's participation in politics and public service;
2. Step up efforts to provide greater access to education and health;

Thank you Mister President.