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**Review of Tajikistan**

**Statement by Armenia**

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Armenia welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan headed by the Minister of Justice and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We appreciate that a range of programmes and policies on human rights has been adopted in Tajikistan during the past years and reforms have been initiated including in the judicial and penitentiary fields.

We take a positive note of the growing cooperation of Tajikistan with the United Nations treaty bodies and Special Procedures and appreciate that there is a greater involvement of non-governmental sector in preparation of various national reports and action plans. **We recommend to take further steps in consolidating the cooperation with the national civil society organisations in implementation of programs aimed at promotion and protection of Human Rights.**

Various activities such as seminars and training sessions carried out in Tajikistan are essential components contributing to the enhancement of the professional skills of law enforcement officers as well as in combating torture in general.

We are pleased that ratification process is currently underway for a number of International conventions such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, amongst others.

Armenia welcomes the recent ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide by Tajikistan and **recommends to implement educational programs aimed at raising awareness of the past genocides and of prevention of this crime.**

Thank you