**Statement by Turkmenistan**

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Thank you, Mister/Madame Chair,

Turkmenistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan and thanks for the detailed presentation of its national report.

We positively note the improvement of national legislation, the reform of the court system, and the national plans developed and being implemented on various aspects of ensuring and protecting human rights, such as State Program for Socio-economic Development Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2022-2026 as well as the Regions of the country for 2019-2023, National Plans on combating trafficking in human beings (for 2020-2024), domestic violence (for 2020-2023).

*While commending* the Azerbaijan's commitment to the consistent fulfilment of the undertaken commitments,

Turkmenistan suggests the followings:

1. continue ongoing efforts to ensure the necessary legal and regulatory framework to protect the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced persons;

2. consistently support mechanisms for migrant integration and reintegration of settlers;

3. to pursue efforts aimed at promoting rights of children, women, persons with disabilities;

4. to maintain its awareness raising and training activities on human rights for the general public to raise the legal awareness across the country.

In conclusion, Turkmenistan wishes Azerbaijan a successful UPR Review.

Thank you.