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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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**Madam Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan for the fourth cycle of review and thanks them for the presentation of national report.

We appreciate the efforts of Turkmenistan in approving the National Action Plan on Gender Equality 2021-2025 and the National Human Rights Action Plan for the period of 2021-2025.

Equally appreciable is the adoption of the National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Person for the period 2020-2022.

For the consideration, in the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend Turkmenistan to:

1. Step up the efforts to strengthen the national human rights institution as per the Paris principle.
2. Strengthen the legal and policy framework for enhancing access of person with disability to healthcare, education and employment.

We wish Turkmenistan a successful fourth cycle review.

Thank you, Madam.