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**Statement by Türkiye**

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Mr. President,

Türkiye warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan, headed by H.E. Mr. Vepa Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and thanks them for their comprehensive national report.

We commend the positive steps taken by the Government of Turkmenistan in the area of human rights.

We welcome the strengthening of legal, institutional and strategic framework for the protection and promotion of human rights, especially the adoption of national plans on human rights action, gender equality and children’s rights.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend Turkmenistan to

* continue to expand cooperation with civil society organizations to raise awareness of women and girls about their rights and tools to protect those rights;
* maintain its activities on harmonizing national legislation with international norms of ratified conventions;
* adopt a special law on the rights of persons with disabilities;
* ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the open labour market, education and information.

We wish Turkmenistan a successful review.

I thank you.