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**THE 44TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR), UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA’S STATEMENT ON TURKMENISTAN, 6 NOVEMBER 202****3**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

The United Republic of Tanzania congratulates Turkmenistan for the comprehensive national report.

We commend Turkmenistan for implementation of various initiatives including the adoption of national and sectoral policies and programmes, which have been undertaken in order to implement the recommendations accepted during the last Universal Periodic Review.

We further Commend the Government of Turkmenistan for implementing measures to advance the economic, social and cultural rights in the country. We also acknowledge the positive development in the education sector; and the Government’s commitment in ensuring gender equality in the field of education.

Moreover, we note the achievement in the health sector which includes bridging the gap in the quality of health services between urban and rural population.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend the Government of Turkmenistan:

1. to continue implementing measures to improve access to clean water to the wider population;
2. To take measures necessary to increase access of education to children with disabilities.

The United Republic of Tanzania wishes the delegation of Turkmenistan a successful Universal Periodic Review.

**I thank you.**