**Statement by Turkmenistan**

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UPR Review of Uzbekistan

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Thank you, Mister/Madame Chair,

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

We positively note that Uzbekistan has taken a number of measures in order to strengthen the constitutional, legislative and institutional framework to promote and protect human rights.

It should be also noted about significant progress achieved by the Government of Uzbekistan in implementation of the recommendations received during previous cycle of UPR through adoption of several thematic action plans such as National Human Rights Strategy, National Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality for the period 2020–2030 or The New Uzbekistan development strategy for 2022–2026.

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

 Turkmenistan would like to submit the following recommendations:

1. continue ongoing processes to expand institutional mechanisms for the protection of human rights;

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

3. to pursue efforts on accession and ratification of the international Conventions and additional Protocol to them related to the ensuring and protection of the human rights.

In conclusion, Turkmenistan wishes the Government of Uzbekistan a successful UPR Review.

Thank you.