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**State Under Review: Uzbekistan**

**Statement by Türkiye**

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Mr. President,

Türkiye warmly welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan, headed by Mr. Akmal SAIDOV, First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis and thanks them for their comprehensive national report.

We commend the comprehensive reform process undertaken by Uzbekistan to strengthen human rights and rule of law.

We welcome the adoption of the National Human Rights Strategy and the National Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality in 2020-2030.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend Uzbekistan to

* Ratify 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
* Continue to advance gender equality and increase representation of women in public life.
* Take steps to increase accessibility of persons with disabilities to government services, employment, healthcare and social services.
* Continue to allocate resources to education sector.

We wish Uzbekistan a successful review.

I thank you.