**Statement by Turkmenistan**

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*1 minute and 15 seconds*

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

Turkmenistan extends its warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Finland to the UPR Working Group session and thanks it for updates on the implementation of previous UPR Cycle Recommendations.

Turkmenistan welcomes efforts taken by Finland in strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights, and its inclusive approach to human rights issues, including adoption of the third National Action Plan on Fundamental and Human Rights.

We took note with appreciation that the Government of Finland has continued its efforts on the promotion of opportunities of productive and paid employment for persons with disabilities.

Along with that, Turkmenistan recommends:

1. to intensify determined actions to end domestic violence as well as gender-based violence.
2. to enhance efforts to promote tolerance and intercultural understanding with the aim of eliminating racism and discrimination in all sectors of society.
3. to further support work of the Steering Group for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights Education with an aim to advance human rights education.

In conclusion, Turkmenistan wishes Finland a successful implementation of UPR recommendations of the 4th cycle.

I thank you.

Geneva, 9 November 2022