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UPR of TURKMENISTAN – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the distinguished Delegation of Turkmenistan and thank them for their comprehensive presentation. We welcome the open and constructive approach adopted by Turkmenistan in the preparation of their National Report, which is reflective of their commitment to the UPR Mechanism.

We would like to commend Turkmenistan for having ratified most major human rights instruments. In this context, we are pleased to note the setting up of the Inter Ministerial Commission in 2007 for treaty body reporting in the domain of human rights.

My delegation notes with interest the reforms recently introduced in the sectors of education, health care and social security. We welcome the activities undertaken by the Government to sensitise and educate the State officials as well as the population as a whole, towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr President, the delegation of India would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation towards the quote unquote "open doors" approach adopted by Turkmenistan with regard to its foreign policy and the high importance it attaches to its international commitments. We note with interest the measures taken by Turkmenistan, particularly those with respect to furthering democratic political participation and we wish it well for its future endeavours.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.