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**Madam Chair,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, and participants,**

The Warsaw Human Dimension Conference is a vital platform for advancing our commitment to human rights, democracy, and comprehensive security across the region. We extend our gratitude to the Malta Chair, ODIHR and the host country, Poland, for organizing this important conference.

As we commemorate the 33rd anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence, we would like to reflect on our achievements in human rights, social justice, and democratic governance. A significant milestone this year has been the issuance of citizenship to around 1,146 individuals from 29 nationalities, underscoring our dedication to eradicating statelessness and fostering inclusivity.

Gender equality remains a top priority. Our National Action Plan on Gender Equality has brought measurable improvements in women's and girls' rights across education, healthcare, and entrepreneurship. Women's participation in decision-making roles, including political leadership, has increased recent years, enhancing inclusivity and resilience.

In alignment with our commitment to protecting vulnerable groups, Turkmenistan launched the process of the development of a new National Action Plan on Combating Trafficking in Persons. The plan focuses on improving victim identification, enhancing support services, and strengthening legal frameworks. Our cooperation with international partners like the IOM, OSCE, and UNODC has enabled us to adopt a survivor-centered approach, empowering women and youth.

Madam Chair,

The rule of law is central to our development strategy. Through our National Human Rights Action Plan, we harmonize our legal framework

with international human rights obligations. Our efforts are focused on judicial independence, fair trials, and expanding access to legal aid. Capacity-building initiatives with ODIHR have enhanced the administration of justice and the protection of human rights at all levels.

Turkmenistan is equally committed to children's rights. New initiatives focus on improving education and healthcare access for children with disabilities, ensuring their full inclusion in society. Working with international partners, we address the needs of children in institutions and disadvantaged backgrounds to create a more equitable future.

Our commitment to international cooperation is evident in our engagement with multilateral organizations. Turkmenistan recently submitted its third periodic report to the UN Human Rights Committee. We are proud of our collaboration with bodies like the OSCE and the UN, which strengthens our government institutions and promotes democratic governance. Our cooperation with ODIHR extends to electoral reform, enhancing transparency, inclusivity, and the further development of the Ombudsman's office, which plays a critical role in ensuring access to justice.

In the realm of media freedom and expression, Turkmenistan has made advancements. We have expanded access to information by registering new media portals and agencies, providing citizens with greater access to independent news and analysis. These developments align with our commitment to OSCE principles and reflect efforts to protect journalists' safety and safeguard free expression.

Looking toward the future, Turkmenistan remains fully committed to human rights, democracy, and social justice. Our efforts to combat human trafficking, promote gender equality, and strengthen the rule of law are part of our broader commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and building a society where no one is left behind.

In conclusion, Turkmenistan is eager to contribute to the OSCE's collective efforts in promoting human rights, democracy, and security across the region. We look forward to interesting sessions ahead and engaging in constructive dialogue with all parties to build a peaceful and prosperous future for all.

Thank you, Madam Chair.