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Thank you, Mr. Moderator,

We deeply appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the vital discussions shaping our region's collective efforts to uphold human rights, humanitarian law, and the protection of the most vulnerable.

In recent years, our government has adopted several laws and initiatives that reinforce our dedication to upholding international standards and protecting the rights of our citizens, particularly during challenging times.

Turkmenistan's efforts in the humanitarian sphere are grounded in our national legal framework, which continues to evolve in alignment with international standards. Our legislation has been updated to address humanitarian issues, focusing on the rights of vulnerable populations, such as children, persons with disabilities, and stateless individuals.

The cooperation with international organizations plays a crucial role in our development and implementation of these legal reforms. We continue to work closely with the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to enhance our capacity in responding to humanitarian challenges. This includes improving our national legal frameworks in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and related protocols.

Our international collaboration also extends to training and capacity-building initiatives. Over the past year, Turkmenistan has partnered with international experts to provide training for our judiciary, law enforcement, and humanitarian workers to uphold international humanitarian law and human rights law in practice.

In terms of legislative advancements, Turkmenistan has made significant progress in enhancing protections for displaced persons and refugees. Recently, our government adopted a law on the protection of refugees, which guarantees their access to basic services such as healthcare, education, and legal assistance. This law was developed in close collaboration with the UNHCR and other international organizations and reflects our commitment to meeting the needs of those displaced by conflict and other crises.

Furthermore, we are strengthening our mechanisms for the protection of human rights during emergencies through the creation of national committees dedicated to crisis response and humanitarian coordination.

In addition to these domestic efforts, Turkmenistan actively participates in international forums and treaty bodies focused on the protection of human rights and the promotion of humanitarian law. Our recent participation in the Universal Periodic Review and our engagement with the UN Human Rights Committee exemplify our ongoing commitment to transparency and international cooperation. We view these engagements as essential to ensuring that our national policies remain aligned with global standards and that we continue to improve our practices in line with the evolving needs of the international community.

Looking forward, Turkmenistan remains committed to further strengthening its legal and institutional frameworks for the protection of human rights and the implementation of humanitarian law. We recognize the importance of continued international cooperation and are dedicated to building on our partnerships with the OSCE, the United Nations, and other international parties.

Thank you, Mr. Moderator.