



UNITED NATIONS COUNTRY TEAM IN TURKMENISTAN

Introduction

The UN Country Team (UNCT) in Turkmenistan – by virtue of the Turkmenistan-UN Partnership Framework for Development 2016-2020 process, and also through each individual entity's work – has valuable information at its disposal that can assist the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of OHCHR to assess the State party's implementation of the recommendations from the preceding cycle. UNCT's joint submission is to help UPR to obtain a comprehensive picture of the reality of the implementation of recommendations in the country, and support an effective review of their implementation. This UNCT joint submission was compiled on the basis of the data and the information made available by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, UN Women, WHO, IOM, UNHCR, UNESCO, OHCHR, ILO, and UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia (UNRCCA) and in this regard it does not present a comprehensive overview of the human rights situation in Turkmenistan.

UNCT joint contribution was tailored for the UPR and contains information on the follow-up to the preceding review, including an assessment of and comments on the implementation of recommendations. Developments since the last review and relevant human rights issues have also been included. This exercise provides a valuable opportunity for UN entities to explore synergies between their various initiatives at the country level; increase the use of UPR recommendations as a programming tool; strengthen the UNCT's policy advocacy with decision-makers, as well as strengthen relationships with civil society and other stakeholders; and increase ownership and awareness of the UPR recommendation by the UNCT and its partners. The UNCT supports consultative processes and provides technical assistance to the Government of Turkmenistan for the monitoring and implementation of recommendations issued by UN human rights mechanisms in line with the Secretary General's Policy Committee decision no. 2014/5: *UN support to the implementation of Universal Periodic Review and other Human Rights Mechanisms' Recommendations*. The UNCT also incorporates these recommendations in its planning in relation to the UNDAF and individual entity's programmes and annual work plans.

We are determined to do everything in our capacity to ensure full implementation of recommendations holistically and in line with the SDGs and 2030 Agenda.

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