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Dear Human Beings,  
Mister/Madam President,  
Excellency's,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Good morning,

This Statement is delivered by the Center for Global Nonkilling, a worldwide congregation of persons and scholars working to create societies that do not kill.

We routinely do short UPR submissions for countries who are late on their legal obligations regarding the right to life. This is what we did for Turkmenistan.

When we do longer submissions, we do a more comprehensive analysis of all aspects of life, from birth to death, looking at how life is celebrated and valued, for each and all, highlighting how and where unexpected losses of life can be prevented.

**Genocide**

The right to live is also to duty not kill, for individuals and, inasmuch for groups of people. Every person needs life and needs to be part of a social group to live, to be part of a society and to relate with its government, ideally all thriving for the good of all. Therefore all individuals, as well as all social and political groups should be protected against genocide.

The fact that they are various minority groups in Turkmenistan makes the ratification of the Convention on the prevention of and punishment of the crime of genocide all more valuable and urgent.

We recall, that the United Nations Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide has called, for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention, for its universal ratification<sup>1</sup>.

We also recall that the human rights council has made, at the last session, a resolution containing a similar call<sup>2</sup>.

Here we must apologies for a mistake made in our submission: Turkmenistan did not, in the previous cycle of the UPR, accept a recommendation for the ratification of the convention.

Nevertheless, we hope that this time, Turkmenistan will take the lead, show the good example and ratify a convention that humanity truly needs to see confirmed by all, showing unity for the tasks of common future.

### **Enforced disappearances**

*Much has been said by the previous speakers on enforced disappearances.*

As need be, we will recall that there is an unanswered invitation of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to visit the country. That they are cases of enforced disappearances listed by the group<sup>3</sup> and that access to prisons of Turkmenistan is, to our knowledge, not granted to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Madam / Mister President, dear Friends, thank you for attention and for your participation, through the progress of the right to life, to a happy future for all.



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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/171208\\_AD\\_International%20Day\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/171208_AD_International%20Day_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage\\_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/37/L.44](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/37/L.44)

<sup>3</sup> [http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage\\_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/36/39](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/36/39)