

SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKMENISTAN  
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PP5 is revised to add after “report” on line 1 the words “of September 2005,” and after “human rights issues” the phrase “and has shown readiness to cooperate with the international community. . .” PP1 in its entirety will therefore read:

***Welcoming the report of September 2005 of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Turkmenistan, which concludes that while the Government of Turkmenistan has made some progress in addressing human rights issues and has shown readiness to cooperate with the international community, there was a lack of overall improvement in addressing serious human rights violations;***

OP1(a) is revised to replace on line 3 the phrase “their full realization” with “the full realization.” OP1(a) will read in its entirety:

**The fact that additional minority religious groups have been allowed to worship for the first time by removal of a legal impediment to the full realization of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, but notes that serious violations of these freedoms continue.**

OP1(i) is revised to add after “permanent resident status” the words, “more than 16 thousand refugees, including . . .” OP(i) will read in its entirety:

**The decision of the Government of Turkmenistan to grant citizenship or permanent resident status to more than 16 thousand refugees, including a significant number of Tajik refugees who had fled Tajikistan between 1992 and 1999 and whose naturalization under the Turkmen Nationality Law had been advocated for many years by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;**

OP2(d) will be replaced with the following text:

**The Government of Turkmenistan's failure to grant access to detainees to the International Committee of the Red Cross, according to the usual terms of the Committee, as well as to international monitors;**

OP2(m) and OP2(n) are deleted.

OP3(d) will be replaced with the following text:

**To follow through on the presentation of the Government of Turkmenistan to the UN Commission on Human Rights in April 2004 and the meetings between the Government of Turkmenistan and the International Committee of the Red Cross in 2005 by finalizing an agreement allowing the Committee to visit Turkmen prisons with full and repeated access to all places of detention in accordance with the usual modalities for that organization, and by providing international monitors, lawyers and relatives with full and repeated access to all those in detention, including those convicted of involvement in the coup attempt of 25 November 2002;**