



## **DELEGATION OF TURKMENISTAN TO THE OSCE**

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### **Statement of the Delegation of Turkmenistan Any other business Permanent Council September 19, 2013**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

With reference to the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, to be held in Warsaw, Poland, 23 September – 04 October 2013, our Delegation would like to communicate the following.

In the List of Participants dated 13 September, 2013, the Turkmen side has noticed with grave concern the registration of two individuals, namely Mr. Nurmuhamed Hanamov and Mr. Annadurdy Khadzhiev, claiming to represent civil society of Turkmenistan or present themselves as representatives of the Turkmen human rights NGOs or human rights defenders.

Mr. Hanamov was directly involved in the violent attempt of taking over power by force and changing constitutional order through committing terrorist act and assassination attempt against the former President of Turkmenistan on November 25, 2002.

Mr. Khadzhiev has been convicted in absentia by the Court of Turkmenistan in 1999 for embezzlement of the Central Bank of Turkmenistan funds and fleeing the country with the stolen money. He is on the Interpol red list and is sought by the Turkmen side for the committed crimes. He has registered in the event as a member of the so called “Turkmenistan Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights” set up by his wife, Ms. Tadjigul Begmedova, after fleeing from justice.

It is the strong view of Turkmenistan Government that allowing wanted criminals and terrorists to participate in the Human Dimension Implementation Meetings undermines the trust of the participating States in these meetings and institutions that allow their registration to happen. Moreover, it also reflects negatively overall on the reputation of other reputable human rights NGOs and civil society representatives that perform an outstanding job of promoting and defending human rights worldwide.

Therefore, the our Delegation demands that Mr. Nurmuhamet Hanamov and Annadurdy Khadzhiev be excluded from the forthcoming Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.