Statement

of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan at the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries

(New York, 22 September 2022)

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to address my video message for the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries.

First of all, let me extend sincere appreciation to the Republic of Botswana and personally to His Excellency Dr. Lemogang Kwape, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Botswana for providing excellent leadership to the Group and for convening today's Ministerial Meeting.

Excellencies,

I am pleased to brief you on the outcome of the Ministerial Transport Conference of LLDCs held in Turkmenbashi city (Turkmenistan) on 15 – 16 August this year.

Finally, the Summary Statement encourages LLDCs and their partners to take a very active role in the preparation process and attend the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in 2024 at the highest possible level.

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today we must ensure the implementation of the outcome achieved in Turkmenistan and put all that we contributed to the Awaza Statement in one Road Map document. In this regard, we propose to have a Preparatory Meeting for the Third LLDCs Conference in the first half of 2023. Turkmenistan is ready to provide the necessary support in hosting this event.

Dear colleagues,

In conclusion