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**OPEN-ENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP
ON THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE
TREATMENT OF PRISONERS
VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 25 – 28 March 2014**

**RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN¹
TO NOTE VERBALE CU 2013/129/DO/JS**

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Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Vienna

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Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and, with reference to note CU 2013/129/DO/JS of 3 July 2013 addressed to Mr. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, has the honour to transmit herewith draft proposals prepared by Turkmenistan for the revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Vienna takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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Vienna

**Proposal with respect to draft resolution VI entitled
“Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners”**

1. With regard to area (a), level of education should be included among the grounds on which discrimination should be prohibited;
2. In subparagraph 17 (a)^{*}, the meaning of “support” [in “other disease prevention, treatment, care and support services”] should be clarified;
3. In subparagraph 19 (c)^{*}, the phrase “shortly following release” should be reviewed in order to clarify whether prison administrations would have jurisdiction to investigate such cases.

^{*} *Translator’s note:* Of the report of the Secretariat on the work of the Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (E/CN.15/2013/23).