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## UN DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Ashgabat, 10<sup>th</sup> October:** The United Nations organizations in Turkmenistan in collaboration with IOM and World Bank celebrated the UN day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October (it is normally on 24<sup>th</sup> October), together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and their Institute of Foreign Relations. The theme for this year was the 'Proposed Sustainable Development Goals' after 2015. At the first event the deputy ministers of the Ministries of Health and Medical Industry, Education, Nature Protection, Labour and Social Protection, along with the deputies from the State Migration Services, the National Institute of Democracy and Human Rights, Turkmengas State Corporation and the National State Statistics Committee all gave presentations on the proposed Sustainable Development Goal and targets which are relevant to their ministry/institution. There were over 500 students present at the event which was also supported by members of the diplomatic corps.

This event was followed by a lively debate on the same topic, among students from four universities, namely: Turkmen State University, Turkmen-Turkish University, State Institute of World Languages and the Institute of International Relations. The State Institute of World Languages won the UN Day Debating cup.

The concluding event was a spirited football tournament amongst representative teams from the Government of Turkmenistan and the Diplomatic community which also started on the Friday evening and finished on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October with the Embassy of Tajikistan winning the UN Preventative Diplomacy Cup with the Embassy of Ukraine as runners up.