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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to welcome the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan and thank it for its presentation. We appreciate the constructive manner in which Azerbaijan has participated in the UPR, and its efforts to reduce poverty and strengthen human rights, including those of its ethnic minorities and internally displaced persons.

Mr Chairman,

In spite of stated steps taken by Azerbaijani authorities, there remains considerable concern about the complex social problem of discrimination and violence against women. In this regard, we would like to know more about Azerbaijan's specific law on gender equality, as also about other efforts by Azerbaijan to impart greater awareness about gender sensitivity.

Mr Chairman,

Concern has also been expressed about decline in education standards and school enrollment rates. We would request the delegation to share more information on this issue, including the challenges faced by Azerbaijan and the steps initiated to address these challenges.

Lastly, Mr Chairman, we would request the delegation to provide information on Azerbaijan's national progress in reforming its judiciary and measures adopted by it to tackle human trafficking.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.