

Remarks by **AZERBAIJAN**
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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Morocco to the UPR and thanks... for the presentation of the national report.

We congratulate Morocco concerning the continuing accession to human rights instruments such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, its Optional Protocol and others. We are also satisfied with initiating the process of acceding to optional protocols – First Optional Protocol to CCPR, Optional Protocol to CEDAW and Optional Protocol to CAT.

We welcome the measures taken by Morocco to strengthen and enlarge the mandate of the national human rights institution – the National Human Rights Council and also the establishment of a national independent institution – the Office of the Ombudsman with a high level of autonomy and extensive powers. The effective and action-oriented cooperation between Government and national human rights institution should be commended. We recommend Morocco to continue the effective and action-oriented cooperation between Government and national human rights institutions.

Morocco has made considerable efforts in order to promote the human rights education in practical terms. We note with appreciation the inclusion of human rights values and citizenship in school programmes and textbooks. We recommend Morocco to continue putting forward effective measures for reducing illiteracy and boosting the quality and performance of education in the country.

We welcome the important measures by Morocco to improve the protection of the rights of Moroccans living abroad, to increase the system of legal and judicial assistance to them. We recommend Morocco to keep carrying out the relevant measures, including better social services for dealing with the problems of Moroccans living abroad.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan would like to assure once again the Delegation of the Morocco of our full support and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.