

Remarks by **AZERBAIJAN**
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Mr. President,

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

We note with satisfaction the cooperation of Netherlands with different UN human rights mechanisms.

In 2010, CESCR expressed its concern that there were no human rights institutions that complied fully with the Paris Principles in the Netherlands. We would like to know the efforts of the Government for the establishment of national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles.

We remain concerned about the persistence of gender-role stereotypes, in particular about migrant women and men. We recommend Netherlands to intensify its efforts to eliminate discrimination against migrants and other minority women, who still face multiple forms of discrimination with respect to education, health, employment and social and political participation.

We note the existing pockets of poverty in the country and recommend Netherlands to ensure the equal enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by all individuals and groups under its jurisdiction and adopt a national plan of action to combat the rise in homelessness.

We welcome the introduction of compulsory education and the measures taken to give all children access to school, decrease dropout rates and increase the transition rate to secondary education. Azerbaijan recommends Netherlands facilitate enrolment of children with missing or incomplete documents; improve the safety situation at schools experiencing difficulties in that regard; and to include human rights and child rights education in school curricula at all levels.

Thank you for your attention.