



## **The Remarks of the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

### **The 13<sup>th</sup> session of HRC UPR Working Group**

#### **The review of Philippines**

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Philippines to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for its commitment to the UPR process, as well as for the informative presentation.

We found the second Philippine Human Rights Plan 2012-2017 commendable, as the very Plan monitors the progress in implementation of the provisions of the Magna Carta of Women, establishing the social protection and safety nets for women who are victims of natural calamities and of the economic crisis.

We appreciate the engagement of the Government with civil society, particularly the National Human Rights Forum series, launched since 2009 to institutionalize and provide venues for dialogue on different human rights initiatives. We believe that these kinds of initiatives undoubtedly positively contribute to the promotion of the human rights awareness, as well as the efficiency in the human rights records on the ground.

We would like also to commend the efforts of the Government both at international and national levels to combat trafficking in persons. In this regard we note with interest the priority project on provision of assistance to victim-witnesses of cases of trafficking in persons for the duration of the investigation, prosecution and trial or until their reintegration to society. Having said that, we would like to ask the esteemed Delegation to elaborate on development of the 2011-2016 National Strategic Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons.

I thank you.