

The Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Human Rights Council

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Madame/Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Ukraine led by H.E. ... to the second cycle of the UPR Working Group and we highly appreciate this second, value-added opportunity to engage in a dialogue with Ukraine on the issue of promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Having studied the national report of the Government, we commend the measures realized by Ukraine to further promote human rights records in the country based on the recommendations provided during its first review in the Council. We believe the establishment of the Children's Ombudsman in 2011, the integration of human rights education as the mandatory core curriculum in schools, awareness raising campaigns and action plans to prevent domestic violence, the establishment of the Commission on the prevention of torture among others are undoubtedly good examples in this regard.

We note with satisfaction the establishment of the complex machinery for guarantying equal rights and opportunities for women and men in legislative and executive branches. Referring to the relevant paras 15 and 21 of the National Report we would like to kindly ask the esteemed delegation to enlighten us more on the recent draft anti-discrimination law, which also encompasses the gender equality issue.

To conclude, we recommend the Government of Ukraine to further promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in the country.

Thank you.

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