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**Statement of the Algerian Delegation
on the UPR of Azerbaijan**

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the high level delegation of Azerbaijan headed by H.E. Mr. and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation and update provided about the human rights situation in the country.

We commend Azerbaijan for the efforts exerted in the implementation of the accepted recommendations from the first cycle.

We note with interest the various measures undertaken to further promote human rights, particularly:

- The implementation of the "Justice Reform Support Program" aiming at modernizing the system of justice;
- The adoption of "the State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development 2008–2015, to improve the wellbeing of the population;
- The efforts of the Government to improve the living conditions and to increase employment for IDPs;
- The efforts in the field of promoting women and fighting violence against them;
- The positive steps undertaken in the realization of the 4th and 5th goals of the MDGs, in relation with reducing child mortality and improving maternal health.

My delegation would like to make the following two recommendations:

- **We recommend that Azerbaijan continue the efforts aiming at further promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and increasing their employment and their integration to the labour market.**
- **We also recommend that Azerbaijan increase its efforts and resources towards strengthening the health-care system, especially in rural areas.**

Finally, we wish the delegation of Azerbaijan all the success in the UPR process and in their efforts aiming at further promoting the enjoyment of human rights for the population.