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Missão Permanente da República de Angola junto dos Escritórios das Nações Unidas em Genebra

**Angolan Statement to the Azerbaijan Review at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal  
Periodic Review  
(30<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Geneva)**

Mr President,

The Republic of Angola welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the second cycle of the UPR, headed by Honourable,....

Angola commends the Republic of Azerbaijan for presenting its national report and especially the establishing of National Action Program for increasing the efficiency on the protection of human rights and freedoms.

Angola welcomes the accession by the Republic of Azerbaijan, to the following international treaties, since its last review under the first cycle of UPR namely: the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol; the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment; the Convention of the Council of Europe on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and the UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Angola also appreciates measures taken by the Azerbaijan government, which led to the establishment of the International Anti-corruption Academy, the National Action Plans on Promotion of Open Government and on the Fight against Corruption, the National strategy on enhancement of transparency and fight against corruption as well as for the establishment of the Commissioner on Human Rights (Ombudsman).

All these steps show the country's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and willingness to cooperate with the international community.

Angola recommends the Republic of Azerbaijan to continue strengthening international cooperation in the field of the fight against corruption.

Angola wishes fruitful review to the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

I Thank you.

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FIRST SECRETARY