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Mr President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of Azerbaijan led by H.E. Khalaf Khalafov, Deputy Foreign Minister, for his comprehensive presentation.

We would like to congratulate Azerbaijan on carrying out its obligations by coordinating and consulting all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its National Report for this second cycle.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes Azerbaijan's commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights as enshrined in its Constitution. We appreciate Azerbaijan's efforts to protect the rights and interests of children. We note the relevant legislation which has been adopted such as the *"Regulations and implementation of state control over the rights of children"*. We would like to recommend Azerbaijan to continue strengthening its efforts to safeguard and advance the rights of its children.

Brunei Darussalam notes the measures Azerbaijan has taken to promote the lives of its people, particularly in achieving the 4th and 5th MDGs on reducing child mortality rate and improving maternal health respectively. We recommend Azerbaijan to continue to further promote access to and quality of health facilities and services, particularly in providing efficient care for children and mothers.

Finally, Brunei Darussalam appreciates Azerbaijan's continued cooperation with the United Nations and its mechanisms towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.