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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Azerbaijan
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan, led by **His Excellency Khalaf Khalafov** to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for their detailed presentation of its national report.

2. Malaysia notes with appreciation the interim report of Azerbaijan presented in 2012. Malaysia welcomes the achievements and progress that Azerbaijan has made since its first review in 2009 to improve the human rights situation in the country. In particular, we are pleased that importance has been placed on the issues of education, health, women and children, and the reform and improvement of its judicial and legal system.

3. We take positive note on the introduction of Azerbaijan's National Action Programme which encompasses a wide range of activities and programmes in many sectors which could increase the efficiency of the promotion and protection of human rights of its people. We commend Azerbaijan's efforts in focusing on the education and training of human rights and freedoms as key and important elements in order to improve its human rights situation.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Azerbaijan:

- i) one: to continue efforts to increase the human rights culture in its society through the training and capacity building of law enforcement and the judicial system in the field of human rights; and
- ii) two: to intensify efforts to improve and ensure access to education for all children and to include human rights subjects in the school curricula.

Thank you.

GENEVA
30 April 2013