

**PHILIPPINES**

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**UPR of AZERBAIJAN**

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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan to the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

The Philippines is pleased to note the various measures that Azerbaijan is undertaking to implement its accepted UPR recommendations.

The Philippines acknowledges Azerbaijan's plan to enhance human rights education and training of law enforcement personnel, teachers and other civil servants, and **recommends** that Azerbaijan step up efforts in this regard.

The Philippines encourages Azerbaijan to continue to improve its policies to protect the rights and freedoms of the most vulnerable members of society, especially women and children.

The Philippines notes that Azerbaijan introduced some legal and institutional changes to improve its migration management processes. The Philippines **recommends** that Azerbaijan consider reviewing its domestic legislation on migration with the aim of aligning it with international laws and standards.

In closing, the Philippines joins other states in wishing Azerbaijan well as it continues to work for the fulfilment of the human rights of its people. Thank you, Mister President.