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Statement by Turkmenistan during the review of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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Thank you Mister President,

First of all we would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan to this session of the UPR Working Group and thank H.E. Mr. Khalaf Khalafov, Deputy Minister of FA. for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts undertaken by the Government of Azerbaijan to improve the human rights situation on the ground.

We welcome the adoption by the Government of Azerbaijan the National Action Programme on increasing the efficiency in the protection of human rights and freedoms, which reflects on the issues raised in the recommendations presented during the first universal periodic review of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

We are pleased to note that the Republic of Azerbaijan has acceded to the international treaties such as: The ILO Convention No. 156 concerning Equal Opportunities and Equal Treatment for Men and Women Workers: Workers with Family Responsibilities; The ILO Convention No 183 concerning the revision of the Maternity Protection Convention.

Mister President,

To further accelerate the progress in areas of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to propose the following recommendations:

- Continue the practice of implementing National Action Programme aimed to improve the human rights situation on the ground;
- Continue its ongoing review of national laws to ensure that they are in line with its international human rights law obligations.

Thank you Mister President.