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Mr. President,

Our Vietnamese delegation warmly welcomes and thanks H.E Deputy Minister Khalafov for the succinct presentation of the country's 2nd UPR. Azerbaijan's achievements are well recognized and commended.

Viet Nam appreciates Azerbaijan on the serious efforts and commitments to enhance national institutional and legislative frameworks, as well as the further accession to other important international conventions on human rights, such as the European Convention on anti-trafficking human, the ILO Convention on equality at work and the UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expression.

Mr. President,

Throughout Azerbaijan's presentation, we share the observation that much has been done but there remain difficulties and challenges ahead. Basing on our experience, we would like to recommend Azerbaijan:

1. Continue and intensify its efforts in further strengthening the good governance and rule-based state, with more focus on capacity building for national agents and law enforcement authorities on human rights protection and promotion.

2. Set priorities and provide adequate resources for enhancing the protection and promotion of the rights to education, health care and social welfare, especially those of vulnerable groups like migrants, women, children, ethnic minorities and people with difficulties.

Viet Nam wishes Azerbaijan every success in the current UPR process.

I thank you./.