**Statement of the Republic of Yemen in the sixteenth session of the Working group on the Universal Periodic Review of April 22 to May 03 - Azerbaijan**

Mr. President /

 At first we welcome the distinguished Head of Azerbaijan’s delegation and his companions, and express our appreciation for the detailed and valuable presentation he ​​submitted.

 My delegation appreciates the efforts made ​​by the Government of Azerbaijan in the improvement of the human rights situation.

 Azerbaijan has made significant progress in fulfilling its commitments to the implementation of the recommendations on the universal periodic review and submission of national reports in various areas of human rights.

 We also commend the laws enacted by Azerbaijan to promote human rights, particularly in the areas of education, combating domestic violence and ensuring the rights of detainees, in addition to that Azerbaijan ratified a number of international conventions relating to the protection of human rights.

 My delegation recommends the Government of Azerbaijan **to continue to pay attention to the protection of political rights and civil freedoms.**

Thank you

**Addressed by: Mohamed AL-FOQUMI Deputy Permanent Representative**