

Remarks by **AZERBAIJAN**
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Thank you, Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Bangladesh and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan congratulates Bangladesh for the strengthening institutional framework for protection and promotion of human rights and we welcome the measures and reforms taken by the Government of Bangladesh on this path.

Since its first UPR, Bangladesh has continued the accession to the core human rights instruments, such as International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families and the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes, and others.

We appreciate the setting up the country's first legal aid institution – National Legal Aid Services Organization (NLASO) in order to facilitate poor citizens' access to justice and enforcement of their rights. We recommend Bangladesh to further its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activity of this entity within the country.

We welcome the measures aimed at the elimination of human trafficking, people smuggling and other related crimes, including a comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation titled Human Trafficking Deterrence and Suppression Act, 2012, and the National Plan of Action 2012-2014 to combat human trafficking. We recommend Bangladesh to continue its measures on this field.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan assures once again the Delegation of Bangladesh of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.