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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Uzbekistan to the UPR and thanks for the presentation of the national report. We welcome the national report of Uzbekistan which clearly indicates the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights during the last four years.

We congratulate Uzbekistan concerning the continuing accession to human rights instruments. We welcome the cooperation with the United Nations treaty bodies, successfully implementing national plans of action in a number of areas. We recommend Uzbekistan to further continue the existing cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms.

We commend the efforts of the Government in order to promote and empower women rights, including the approving the national plan of action for 2010–2012 to implement the concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, as well as incorporating the goals of the Millennium Declaration into the country's development programmes and to meet the MDGs for 2015. We recommend Uzbekistan to continue its measures on this field.

Very positive assessment of Uzbekistan's economic achievements in recent years in the different international indices such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, are also clear indicators of the achievements of the Government in the field of economic and social welfare of its people.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan would like to assure once again the brotherly Delegation of the Uzbekistan of our full support and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.