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Remarks by the Republic of Azerbaijan
UPR - Mexico

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Thank you Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Mexico to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks for the introductory statement.

We welcome the ongoing efforts of the Government in the field of prevention of torture and ill-treatment. At the same time, we remain concerned about the situation and investigation of torture in the country. We **recommend** Mexico to set up a system for receiving and investigating torture or ill-treatment complaints and to suspend from duty suspects of torture, as well as to amend its legislation and the definition of torture at the State level in accordance with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We also welcome the reforms of the Government in the area of criminal justice, such as the establishment of Implementation Unit in 2012. However, Mexico's criminal justice system remains a serious concern. We **recommend** Mexico to strengthen the criminal justice system in the country, to promptly and effectively investigate all alleged cases of enforced disappearances, disproportionate use of force, and attacks, threats, harassments against human rights defenders and other human rights violations, and to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice and victims receive reparations.

We appreciate the efforts of Mexico in combating poverty and hunger through the National Development Plan (2013-2018), Opportunities Programme and Food Aid Programme. We **recommend** Mexico to further strengthen its measures aimed at reduction of poverty and hunger for the welfare of Mexican people.

Thank you for your attention.