

Remarks by **AZERBAIJAN**
UPR-Saudi Arabia

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Saudi Arabia and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Since its first UPR, Saudi Arabia has continued the accession to the human rights instruments, such as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and the ILO Convention on the minimum age for admission to employment and work.

Azerbaijan congratulates Saudi Arabia for the strengthening normative and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, especially on combating human trafficking and domestic violence. We welcome the measures and reforms taken by the Government of Saudi Arabia on this path.

We appreciate the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Commission and the Standing Committee on Trafficking in Persons and recommend Saudi Arabia to further its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activities of these entities within the country.

We commend the judicial and legislative reforms of the Government for speeding up the pace of litigation and judgement enforcement. We recommend Saudi Arabia to continue its activities on this field.

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

Thank you for your attention.