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Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to extend our welcome to the Delegation of Senegal and thank for the presentation of its national report.

Since its first UPR, Senegal has continued the accession to the core human rights instruments, such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, and others.

We welcome the considerable efforts of Government for the development of legislative framework in the field of human rights, and measures taken to prevent torture and ill-treatment in places of deprivation of liberty, combat trafficking in persons and promote gender parity. We recommend Senegal to further strengthen its efforts in this direction.

We praise the establishment of bodies involved in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the establishment of the National Observatory of Places of Deprivation of Liberty, National Unit to Combat Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, and National Observatory on Gender Parity. We recommend furthering its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activities of these entities within the country.

We commend the efforts of the Government on protection of persons with disabilities, protection of children, reduction of poverty and raising people's standard of living. We hope that the National Strategy on Social and Economic Development 2013–2017 will contribute to reduce poverty significantly and achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Azerbaijan also commends Senegal's cooperation with the special procedures mandate holders. We recommend Senegal to continue its active engagement with the human rights mechanisms of UN for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Thank you for your attention.