

Remarks by the Republic of Azerbaijan
UPR – Comoros

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of the Union of the Comoros and thanks for its informative and comprehensive statement.

Azerbaijan congratulates Comoros for the accession to the core international human rights instruments, such as the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and others. We recommend Comoros to continue this successful and important practice in the future as well. We also recommend Comoros to continue its cooperation with UN human rights instruments.

We commend the development and endorsement of national human rights policy calling for communication, protection and promotional activities for the whole range of human rights in the country as well as the strengthening the legal basis of the state. In that regard, the reform of the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure and the process of the incorporation of international human rights instruments into the national legislation should be especially underlined. We recommend Comoros the successful implementation of the national human rights policy and continuation of the incorporation process.

We positively note the reforms undertaken in the field of education such as the establishment of the literacy office under the Ministry of Education, the elaboration of the Interim Education Plan 2013-2015, the construction of classrooms and the increase in the overall school enrolment rate. We would also like to mention the adoption of the legislative basis in this field, especially the overall plan for education for the period of 2015-2020. We recommend Comoros to continue its measures in this field.

We are also aware of the constraints and challenges for Comoros such as the lack of required material, financial resources and qualified staff and the need for the investments. In that regard, assistance of the international community in the field of capacity-building and training is essential for Comoros in order to overcome these challenges.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan would like to strongly assure the Delegation of the Union of the Comoros of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you for attention.