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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Yemen and thanks for the presentation of its valuable national report.

Since its first UPR, the Government of Yemen strengthened the national institutional infrastructure for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan appreciates the endorsement of the National Human Rights Institution Bill, as well as the establishment of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking and general departments for human rights in Yemen.

Azerbaijan congratulates the Republic of Yemen for strengthening normative framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. We welcome the measures and reforms taken by the Government of Yemen on this path.

We positively note that the Government of Yemen enhances partnerships with non-governmental mechanisms and in this regard, we appreciate the endorsement of the partnership agreement between the Government of Yemen and civil society organizations.

Moreover, we commend the establishment of a UN human rights office in Yemen and congratulate the national authorities for their facilitation of the presence of the office.

Azerbaijan recommends the Government of Yemen to continue further improvement of the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

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

Thank you for your attention.