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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Bhutan and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan is pleased to note positive human rights trends in Bhutan since its first UPR. We welcome the adoption of Domestic Violence Prevention Act (2013) and the Child Care and Protection Act (2011) and the establishment of a separate Women and Child Protection Division for the protection of women and children by providing prevention, protection and assistance services. We **recommend** Bhutan to further its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activity of this entity within the country.

We congratulate the Government of Bhutan for strengthening its anti-corruption legislation and institutional framework successfully. In this regard, we **recommend** continuing its efforts in this field.

We took positive note of poverty reduction efforts and measures undertaken by Bhutan and we **recommend** Bhutan to continue its measures on this path, including reduction of multi-dimensional poverty.

In conclusion, as requested in the national report of Bhutan, we would like to call on the international community to provide, where necessary, technical assistance to the country for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you for attention.