



## STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Costa Rica and thanks the esteemed Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Having studied the National report of Costa Rica we note with interest the works done by the Government of Costa Rica in the human rights sphere. We commend the ratification of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and the establishment of the Inter-agency Commission for the Follow-up and Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations.

We welcome the National Policy for Children and Adolescents (PNNA) for the years 2009–2021 and hope that this policy, as well as other programmes aiming to protect the rights of the child will be duly implemented at the local level.

We also note that some UN treaty bodies have expressed their concerns on the problems related to the elimination of discrimination against indigenous children, children of African descent, migrant children, and children with disabilities, as well as about the ill-treatment of juveniles in detention and in penal institutions. In this regard, **we recommend** Costa Rica to strengthen measures on combating discrimination against indigenous and migrant children, and children with disabilities, as well as to investigate all cases of ill-treatment of children by police officers and prison guards.

Moreover, as it was recommended during 1st cycle of UPR, **we recommend** Costa Rica the consideration of becoming party to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

Thank you, Mr. President.