



STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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Mr. President,

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

Having studied the National report of Nicaragua we are pleased to positively note the effective works done by the Government of Nicaragua in the human rights sphere since its first UPR.

We commend the strengthening of the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan welcomes the accession of Nicaragua to the UN Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, as well as the entry into force of the Comprehensive Act against Violence towards Women (Act No. 779) and the Act on the reform of the Criminal Code (Act No. 641).

Azerbaijan appreciates the efforts taken by Nicaragua in order to eradicate poverty which has received international recognition thanks to the shared responsibility between central and municipal government, producers, and business, with the active participation of the community. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the National Human Development Plan 2013–2017, that aimed to increase productivity, generating wealth, reducing poverty and inequality.

In conclusion the Delegation of Azerbaijan assures once again the Delegation of Nicaragua of its support and cooperation and presents the following **recommendations** for the consideration of the Government of Nicaragua:

1. To further its endeavors with regard to the strengthening of the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights;
2. To continue its activities on the field of poverty eradication.

Thank you for your attention.