



STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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Mr. President,

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

We welcome the national report of Qatar which clearly indicates the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights during the last four years.

Since its first UPR, the Government of Qatar strengthened the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan appreciates the endorsement of the Strategic Plan of the National Human Rights Committee 2011–2014 and Human Trafficking Act 2011, as well as the establishment of the National Human Rights Committee in accordance with the Paris Principles, the Qatar Foundation for Social Action, Qatar Committee for Alliance of Civilizations, Administrative Control and Transparency Authority, National Committee for Occupational Health and Safety. In this regard, we **recommend** Qatar to continue its efforts in this field.

We positively note that the Supreme Education Council of Qatar attaches considerable importance to the promotion of a culture of human rights, in the context of national efforts to promote and disseminate human rights.

Azerbaijan highly appreciates Qatar's initiative of offering assistance for development of the developing and least developed countries, in order to help them to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Azerbaijan **recommends** the Government of Qatar 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 Qatar of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.