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Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Angola and thanks the Esteemed Delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Since the 1st cycle of UPR, the Government of Angola improved its normative legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, we appreciate the ratification of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its additional protocols. At the same time, we commend the signature of International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its optional protocol, and **recommend** Angola to continue its efforts for ratification of the abovementioned international documents.

Azerbaijan positively notes that the Government of Angola carried out many activities to strengthen its national institutional infrastructure for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, we welcome the establishment of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, which is the main national institution in Angola working in the field of human rights.

Azerbaijan also **recommends** Angola to continue further improvement of the legislative framework regarding rights of women in Angola.

In conclusion, the Delegation of Azerbaijan wishes to witness further progress in the protection and promotion of human rights in Angola.

Thank you for attention.