

Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Egypt and thanks the esteemed Delegation for the presentation of its valuable national report.

We commend Egypt for advancement of its normative legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of amended Constitution on 18 January 2014, which represents a qualitative transformation towards improving the human rights situation in the country.

Azerbaijan appreciates Egypt's active efforts to promote dialogue among religions and to spread tolerance and understanding. We welcome the launch of "Home of the Egyptian Family" initiative which calls for strengthening the values of citizenship throughout society, combating any incitement to violence and discrimination on religious grounds, and spreading a culture of tolerance. In this regard, we **recommend** Egypt to continue its activities to serve a better understanding between all peoples and religions.

Azerbaijan also commends the works on the implementation of social protection programmes and in this regard, welcomes the adoption of "Housing strategy for 2012–2027" that provides suitable housing for specific groups including limited-income families, single women, persons with disabilities and young people.

Azerbaijan **recommends** the Government of Egypt to continue further improvement of the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Thank you for attention.