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UPR of Sweden

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Sweden and thanks the esteemed Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We would like to note that some UN treaty bodies have expressed their concerns on existence of problems related to the discrimination, xenophobia and racist attitudes. CERD expressed its concern at increased reports of racially motivated hate speech against visible minorities, including Muslims, Afro-Swedes, Roma and Jews. CERD also noted with concern reports that racist and extremist organizations continue to function in Sweden.

Moreover, the Human Rights Committee concerned at increase in hate crimes, including physical assaults against members of religious minorities, including Muslims and Jews, and attacks against their places of worship.

Furthermore, CRPD deeply concerned at the increasingly high rate of suicide among persons with disabilities.

In the light of the above-mentioned we have the following **recommendations** to Sweden:

1. to investigate, prosecute and punish all hate crimes against visible minorities, including Muslims, Afro-Swedes, Roma and Jews;
2. to take effective measures to combat hate speech in the media and on the Internet, including by prosecuting the perpetrators, where appropriate, regardless of their official status;
3. to declare illegal and prohibit organizations promoting and inciting racial hatred, in line with the international norms;
4. to take all appropriate measures to promote tolerance, intercultural dialogue and respect for diversity;
5. to take appropriate steps in order to prevent, identify and address situations of risk of suicide in persons with disabilities.

Thank you, Mr. President.