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UPR of Turkey

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan wholeheartedly welcomes the brotherly Delegation of Turkey and thanks the distinguished Delegation for the presentation of its valuable national report. The national report of Turkey clearly indicates the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights.

Azerbaijan positively notes that since its 1st UPR the Government of Turkey strengthened institutional and normative legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, we welcome the establishment of Ombudsman's Institution and Human Rights Institution, as well as the adoption of six "Judicial Reform Packages" which aimed at, *inter alia*, strengthening the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, enhancing its efficiency and facilitating access to justice.

Azerbaijan commends the Government of Turkey for its active cooperation with human rights mechanisms, including special procedures, treaty bodies and the UPR. In this regard, we **recommend** Turkey to continue active cooperation with human rights mechanisms.

It should be highlighted that Turkey as a country of tolerance seeks to contribute to the dialogue of civilizations and strives to step up efforts to create a spirit of partnership and brotherhood between all peoples and religions. In this regard, Azerbaijan highly appreciates Turkey for carrying out many activities to serve a better understanding between all peoples and religions.

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

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan would like to assure once again the brotherly Delegation of Turkey of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you, Mr. President.