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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Belarus and thanks the esteemed Delegation for the presentation of its national report. The national report of Belarus clearly indicates the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights during the last four years.

It is noteworthy to mention that Belarus has implemented over two thirds of the recommendations made during the 1st cycle of UPR. We welcome the submission of the mid-term progress report by Belarus on the implementation of UPR recommendations in February 2012, as well as wide national consultations on UPR recommendations that were in March 2014 and in December 2014, with the support and participation of OHCHR and UNDP. All of these clearly shows that the Government of Belarus attaches great importance to the UPR mechanism.

Azerbaijan positively notes that since its 1st UPR the Government of Belarus strengthened normative legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, we welcome the accession to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption

Azerbaijan highly appreciates Belarus for carrying out many activities to serve a better understanding between all peoples and religions.

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

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

Thank you for attention.