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Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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UPR of Bulgaria

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Bulgaria to the second UPR cycle.

We commend Bulgaria for its comprehensive second UPR report and view positively that it reflects information on implementation of the recommendations accepted during the first review, as well as information on recent achievements on the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

We welcome the submission of the mid-term progress report by Bulgaria on the implementation of UPR recommendations in January 2013 and positively note that report was prepared with the active participation of all authorities and institutions, including with the involvement of NGOs.

Azerbaijan appreciates that the promotion and protection of human rights is a priority issue for the Government of Bulgaria and adoption of the wide range of the National Programmes enables to raise the effectiveness of the protection of human rights and freedoms.

Azerbaijan notes that after the first review Bulgaria acceded to OPCAT (Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment), to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness

In the framework of the second cycle of the UPR, Azerbaijan would like to **recommend** to Bulgaria the following:

- To continue further improvement of the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Thank you.