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UPR of Paraguay

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Paraguay and thanks for the thorough and informative presentation.

We would like to congratulate Paraguay for carrying out its obligations by coordinating and consulting all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its national report for this second cycle of UPR. Azerbaijan commends the Government of Paraguay for the implementation of the recommendations from its first UPR cycle.

Azerbaijan positively notes that since its first UPR, the Government of Paraguay strengthened the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan appreciates the accession of Paraguay to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. We also welcome the establishment of the Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch and the approval of National Preventive Mechanism. We believe that these initiatives will help Paraguay to continue the fulfilment of its commitments vis-à-vis human rights mechanisms and further engagement in effective bilateral and international cooperation as a means to promote, protect and guarantee the exercise of human rights.

We also commend the efforts of the Government on protection of persons with disabilities, protection of children, reduction of poverty and raising people's standard of living.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.