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Statement by **AZERBAIJAN**
UPR of Suriname

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan notes with interest the legislative reforms undertaken by the Government of Suriname in the field of promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan welcomes the adoption by the Government of Suriname of the law to eliminate the death penalty from its penal code, and the national strategy to combat human trafficking, as well as the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

Azerbaijan commends the efforts taken by the Government of Suriname in the field of gender equality and in this regard, welcomes the decision to amend the Law on Nationality and Residence in order to ensure gender equality in the transmission of nationality.

Azerbaijan also commends the constructive approach of Suriname to the UPR process and is sincerely convinced that the second UPR of Suriname will bring further positive developments in the field of promotion and protection of human rights in Suriname.

Azerbaijan **recommends** Suriname to continue its cooperation with the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations.

At the end, the delegation of Azerbaijan would like to assure once again the delegation of Suriname of its support.

Thank you, Mr. President.