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**Statement of Azerbaijan delivered by Mr. Emin Aslanov**

Thank you Mr. Chair,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Philippines and express our appreciations for the comprehensive report.

Azerbaijan commends Philippines strong commitment to the UPR Process. We appreciate that the Government of Philippines has responded most of the recommendations, it has received during the second UPR. We also take note of the progress made by Philippines since the last report.

Azerbaijan also recognizes significant progress Philippines have made in protection of vulnerable groups, combating trafficking in human beings and ensuring the rule of law.

Azerbaijan has following recommendations to Philippines:

1. Continue its efforts on improving access to justice;
2. Continue its endeavours in combating all forms of human trafficking.

In conclusion, we wish Philippines a very successful review.

Thank you.