

**44th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Statement by the Government of Bangladesh**

**On the Review of Azerbaijan**

**(14 November 2023, 09.00-12.30 hrs)**

Madam Vice-President,

Bangladesh welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan in the 4th cycle of UPR.

We applaud the efforts made by the Government of Azerbaijan to implement the recommendations of its last UPR. It is indeed commendable that Azerbaijan has enacted law on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism. We take note with appreciation that it has recently signed a number of International Conventions / Protocols including the Occupational Safety and Health Convention.

In a positive spirit, we recommend the following:

1. Continue efforts in raising awareness on human rights among civil servants and officials of the law-enforcement agencies; and
2. Strengthen measures aiming at recognition and restoration of the rights of refugees and their safe and dignified return to their home country, including effective international verification and guarantees mechanism to this end.

I wish a successful review to Azerbaijan.

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