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**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan**

Bhutanwelcomes the delegation and thanks the delegation for their report and the updates.

We note Azerbaijan's cooperation with human rights mechanisms and treaty bodies, and in particular appreciate its active engagement as the NAM Chair.

We welcome the various legislative measures such as the law on general education, on environmental impact assessment, media etc.

We commend the efforts towards the social and economic development of rural women, as well as the measures to improve healthcare infrastructure in rural areas.

While noting the Government's concerted efforts, we recommend the following:

1. Continue to take measures to ensure healthcare access, including measures to address barriers impeding access for women to reproductive healthcare services.
2. Consider increased resource allocation to ensure universal and quality primary and secondary education throughout the country.

We wish Azerbaijan a successful UPR.

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