**44TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF AZERBAIJAN**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks Azerbaijan for the presentation of their National Report and positively notes the efforts made by the Government of Azerbaijan to implement recommendations from the previous cycle.

Brunei Darussalam recognises the importance of social protection and particularly notes the Presidential Decree by Azerbaijan “On Increasing the Amount of Social Benefits”, which among others, raises the amount of old-age allowance, as well as social benefits and allowance for persons with different abilities.

Moving forward, we propose two recommendations:

1. Enhance efforts to ensure that social protection is adaptive to the various risks, including changes in the economy and labour markets;
2. Strengthen the important role of the family unit and community in supporting social protection services.

Mr. President,

We would like to wish Azerbaijan a successful review.

Thank you.

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