**Statement of Hungary**

**UPR review of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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Mr./Madam Chair,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We note with appreciation the positive developments in the judicial field and in the advancement of women’s rights. In this respect we highlight legislative changes on the composition of the Judicial Legal Council, as well as the amendment of the Labour Code lifting the prohibition for women to access 678 professions.

Hungary also acknowledges Azerbaijan’s significant efforts to address challenges in the field of civil and political rights, and encourages the promotion of respect and intercultural understanding among different groups in society.

Regarding the 4th cycle UPR review of Azerbaijan, Hungary wishes to make the following two recommendations:

* Continue efforts to adjust the levels of social protection measures and allocate the necessary human, technical and financial resources and training to strengthen the administrative capacity of the social services.
* Establish mechanisms to promote mandatory reporting and multi-agency intervention in cases of violence against children.

We wish the delegation of Azerbaijan success in the current UPR cycle.

I thank you.