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Thank you Mr. Vice President,

1. India warmly welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and thanks for its National Report.

2. We note the efforts of Azerbaijan to promote and protect human rights since the last review in May 2018.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, India recommends the following measures to Azerbaijan:

• Continue efforts to promote the right to development at the national, regional and international levels;

• Continue efforts to promote and protect civil, economic and cultural rights; and

• Continue implementation of the project on development of Smart Cities and Villages.

4. We wish the delegation of Azerbaijan success in its UPR.

I thank you.