**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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Kazakhstan warmly welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and appreciates country’s active participation in the work of the UN Human Rights Council.

We commend Azerbaijan for taking concrete measures to implement recommendations received during the previous cycle of the UPR. In particular, we positively note country’s efforts to accelerate the socio-economic wellbeing of the people and improving national legislation in the field of employment, as well as to support women entrepreneurship, eliminate gender discrimination in employment and decrease the salary gap between men and women.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

* Continue its good efforts to promote gender equality and to promote women’s representation at all levels of private, public, and economic life;
* Implement effectively the National Action Plan in the field of Human Rights with the participation of civil society and NHRIs.

We wish the delegation of Azerbaijan a very successful review.