

**THE 44TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

**KENYA’S STATEMENT ON AZERBAIJAN**

**Mr. President, Thank you.**

Kenya warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Azerbaijan to this 4th Cycle of UPR process.

We comend Azerbaijan, for presenting its reports to the Human Rights Committee and ratifying the various international legal instruments. We also applaud it for implementing State programmes for an inclusive education for people with disabilities and for taking a lead in facilitating provision of services to its citizens by digitalizing of public services to ensure transparency and efficiency.

**Kenya makes the following recommendations for consideration:**

1. Take the necessary steps to repeal any legal provisions that restrict the operations of NGOs including their registration and ability to seek grants.
2. Continue its efforts to increase the number of female appointments to in the public sectors in order to achieve improved political participation and decision-making.

Kenya wishes the delegation of Azerbaijan a very successful UPR process.

**I thank you.**