**Mr. President,**

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the presentation of its National Report and commends the Government for its implementation of recommendations in the previous cycle. My delegation commends Azerbaijan's commitment to its international human rights obligations and continued cooperation with human rights mechanisms.

1. We applaud the efforts of the Azerbaijani Government towards adopting the National Program of Action to Improve the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms adopted in 2011. We further take positive notes of the arduous efforts of the Government of Azerbaijan to promote gender equality, including the wage reforms to eliminate the wage gap between men and women.
2. While recognizing the genuine efforts and commitment of the Government of Azerbaijan to promote and protect human rights, Nigeria recommends the following for consideration by the Azerbaijani Government:
3. To continue to intensify efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality, increase safe births, prevent infections during pregnancy, and provide quality medical care for Newborns.
4. To continue efforts towards providing quality and equal access to education by funding educational infrastructure and learning materials.
5. To consider taking further necessary measures to ensure the elimination and prevention of violence against women and children.
6. We wish Azerbaijan a very successful review process.

**I thank you, Mr. President**.