**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during the 4th UPR of Azerbaijan**

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Madam Vice President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and appreciates the presentation of their national report.

We appreciate Azerbaijan for regularly rendering periodic reports to various human rights treaty bodies and mechanisms in recent years, and for acceding to numerous international and regional human rights instruments. The Government of Azerbaijan’s efforts to impart human rights capacity building and training to a wide segment of the civil service is, furthermore, commendable.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation recommends Azerbaijan to:

1. Continue dialogue and cooperation with UN, its specialized agencies and special procedures mandate holders;
2. Continue restoration and reconstruction of territories liberated from occupation for the safe and dignified return of IDPs; and,
3. Take further steps to ensure justice, accountability and provision of remedies to the relatives of missing Azerbaijanis from the first Nagorno-Karabakh war.

We wish the Government of Azerbaijan a successful review.

**I thank you, Madam Vice President.**