

**The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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# Review of Azerbaijan

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# Serbia welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan at the UPR’s Session and thanks it for presenting its National Report.

# Serbia commends Azerbaijan’s commitment to the UPR process and its efforts invested in implementing the accepted recommendations from the previous UPR cycle. We commend the notable increase in women who were elected at the municipal elections in 2019. We also commend Azerbaijan’s efforts to support the social and economic development of rural women through the creation of the Association of Rural Women of Azerbaijan in 2019. We welcome measures by Azerbaijan to decrease child labour. We also welcome Azerbaijan’s efforts to create conditions to ensure the freedom of religion through the adoption of the Law on Freedom of Religion in 2021.

 Serbia recommends Azerbaijan to consider strengthening the monitoring of the informal sector of the economy, preventive work with families and capacity-building of relevant stakeholders to eliminate all forms of child labour. Serbia encourages Azerbaijan to consider mainstreaming a gender perspective in agricultural policies.

# Serbia wishes Azerbaijan a very successful review.