

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr. President,

Slovenia wishes to commend the delegation of Azerbaijan for the national report, its presentation today and the commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia reiterates its recommendation from the last cycle and recommends to Azerbaijan to ensure full respect of rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and peaceful assembly.

We commend Azerbaijan for taking efforts to support the social and economic development of rural women, including through the creation of the Association of Rural Women of Azerbaijan.

Slovenia expresses its deep concern regarding human rights of Karabah Armenians following the military intervention. In order to bring about peaceful coexistence the rights of Karabah Armenians should be respected and specific legislation for the protection of national minorities adopted.

Thank you.