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**Review of Azerbaijan**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 minute)*

**Madame Vice President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan, led by Deputy Foreign Minister Samir Sharifov, and thanks for the presentation of the National Report.

We positively note Azerbaijan's constructive cooperation with special procedures and active participation in the UPR process.

We acknowledge the efforts to strengthen legal and institutional framework in Azerbaijan, in particular in countering human trafficking, fighting corruption, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. We commend the initiatives to enhance social institutions and public delivery services.

We encourage Azerbaijan to address the remaining challenges and in the spirit of constructive engagement, would like to make the following **recommendations** to:

* consider ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention);
* consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We wish Azerbaijan a very successful UPR.

**I thank you.**