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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

*Geneva, 13 November 2023*

Mr. Vice-President,

We welcome the Delegation of the Russian Federation and thank the delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan appreciates the commitment of the Russian Federation to the UPR process and the efforts to further protect human rights.

We commend the National Women’s Strategy for the period 2023–2030 setting out the main thrusts of State policy related to the advancement of women as well as the practical steps in the protection of socially vulnerable groups, including rights of persons with disabilities and children.

We recommend Russia:

1. Take further measures to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities and promote their recruitment
2. Continue to strengthen the institution of regional ombudspersons for human rights
3. Continue to introduce information technologies in the human rights education

In conclusion, Azerbaijan wishes Russia a very successful review.

Thank you.