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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

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Mr. Vice-President,

We welcome the participation of the Republic of Cyprus in the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

We share the concerns reflected in the relevant reports of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other stakeholders over discrimination that persists with regard to the full enjoyment of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights of people in vulnerable situations, in particular unjust isolation of the Turkish Cypriot community.

We strongly condemn the assault and harassment that Turkish Cypriots face, and absence of accessible and effective redress mechanisms to apply in cases of racist or discriminatory attacks or treatments.

We recommend to:

* take bold actions to eradicate the economic, social, linguistic and cultural barriers facing Turkish Cypriots and other minorities;
* combat hate speech and incitement to discrimination or violence and strengthen awareness-raising efforts aimed at promoting respect for human rights and for diversity, and at eradicating prejudices on the basis of race, ethnicity and religion;
* implement administrative measures aimed at identifying and addressing discriminatory practices experienced by Turkish Cypriots, with a focus on advocating for legislative and administrative reforms to eliminate such practices
* ratify the International Convention on All Migrant Workers.

I thank you.