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**in Geneva**

*Geneva, 20 January 2025*

Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Italy and thanks the delegation for presenting its national report.

Azerbaijan commends the steps taken by Italy in implementing the recommendations received during its 3rd UPR, particularly the adoption of policies aimed at strengthening gender mainstreaming across all actions and measures, including the National Strategy for Gender Equality 2021-2026, as well as the implementation of decrees promoting the independence and autonomy of persons with disabilities.

Azerbaijan offers the following recommendations to Italy:

1. Intensify efforts to combat all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
2. Strengthen measures to protect migrants, particularly representatives of vulnerable groups;
3. Redouble efforts to enhance the social rights of persons with disabilities.

We wish Italy a successful review.

Thank you.