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**delivered by Mr. Kamran Seyfullayev, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the friendly Delegation of Venezuela and thanks for presentation of the national report.

We commend the measures taken by the Government of Venezuela in promoting and protecting human rights and its extensive cooperation with UN human rights bodies, in particular with the OHCHR.

The steps aimed at guaranteeing civil and political rights in the country, such as the establishment of the National Office for the Comprehensive Care of Victims of Violence, serve to better addressing violations as well as render support to prevention mechanisms.

We offer the following recommendations to Venezuela:

1. Continue efforts aimed at strengthening the independence and impartiality of the judiciary;
2. Strengthen measures to stimulate sustainable economic growth by raising national productivity levels in the public and private sectors.

Azerbaijan wishes Venezuela a very successful review.

Thank you.