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Thank you, Mr. Vice-president,

Azerbaijan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uganda and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We welcome the efforts exerted by the Government of Uganda in promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We positively note the polices put in place to ensure access to quality education for all and to address the rights of vulnerable groups, including National Girls Education Strategic Plan 2014-2019, National Child Policy 2020 and Persons with Disabilities Act 2020. We also commend Uganda for efforts aimed at strengthening anti-corruption measures.

It is also noteworthy that Uganda has initiated the process of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and we encourage Uganda to accelerate this process.

We offer Uganda the following recommendations:

1. to continue and intensify efforts in protecting human rights of vulnerable persons,
2. to consider taking measures aimed at ensuring increased efficiency and accountability of public service.

We wish Uganda a successful review.

Thank you.