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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

*Geneva, 27 January 2023*

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

Azerbaijan thanks the Delegation of Switzerland for presentation of its national report.

While noting the measures taken by Switzerland for better promotion and protection of human rights, including legislative acts aiming to improve protection of victims of violence, we remain concerned about violations of human rights of refugees and asylum-seekers.

We recommend the following to Switzerland:

1. Ensure the inclusive application of the refugee definition in line with international law;
2. Become party to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
3. Take effective measures to address the wage gap between women and men, and ensure their equal access to employment;

Azerbaijan wishes the Delegation of Switzerland a successful review.

Thank you.