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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

*Geneva, 25 January 2023*

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Guatemala and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

The steps taken by Guatemala for the implementation of the UPR recommendations from previous review, such as the establishment of the Victim Institute and of the Presidential Commission against Corruption in 2020 and the launch of National Policy on Decent Employment, which is based on the principles of inclusion and gender equity should be noted positively

In the spirit of constructiveness, we offer the following recommendations to Guatemala:

1. Ratify second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
2. Harmonize national legislation with international labour standards;
3. Strengthen measure aiming to combat corruption in education sector;
4. Continue investing in social security for health care, employment and support for vulnerable groups of population.

We wish Guatemala a successful review.

I thank you.