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**UPR of the Republic of Serbia**

**Statement**

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**10 May 2023**

Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Serbia at the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presented report. We also extend our deep condolences to the families of killed during the tragic event took place in Belgrade and wish the injured a speedy recovery.

We commend Serbia’s commitment to the UPR process and progress achieved in implementation of the recommendations received during the last UPR cycle.

Azerbaijan appreciates the wide range of legislative and institutional measures undertaken by the Government of Serbia in protection and promotion of human rights, including the implementation of the principle “Leave No One Behind” by adapting it to a normative framework as well as policies pursued in prosecution of hate crimes.

Azerbaijan wishes to make the following recommendations to Serbia:

1. Continue its positive experience in combatting human trafficking within state borders as well as intensify efforts to combat trafficking of individuals through the Republic of Serbia.
2. Continue taking measures for prohibition and prevention of all forms of discrimination through implementation of the Strategy for Prevention and Protection from Discrimination 2022-2030.

We wish the delegation of Serbia a very successful review.

Thank you.