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**30thsession of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Azerbaijan**

**Statement by Pakistan**

**(May 15, 2018)**

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and thanks the head of delegation for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We note with appreciation the efforts made by the Government of Azerbaijan for the welfare of the Internally Displaced Persons and the people who became refugees as a result of Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict.

My delegation recommends the Government of Azerbaijan to:

1. maintain the positive dynamics of gender equality in the public service recruitment process;
2. continue to make every effort to ensure the right of IDPs to return to their native lands in safety and dignity;
3. further SDG-centric approach deployed by the Government in undertaking the measures designed to advance the promotion and protection of human rights.

We wish the Government of Azerbaijan a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.