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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Azerbaijan**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan has launched several initiatives to fulfill commitments made in the earlier UPR cycle, including ratification of additional international instruments and engagement with special procedures and treaty bodies.

We appreciate the expansion of scope of fundamental freedoms through constitutional amendment. Human rights awareness-raising, widening the realm of civil and political rights and reforms in judicial system are significant steps with far-reaching impacts.

Nepal congratulates Azerbaijan for the success achieved in economic development and subsequent promotion of broader range of socio-economic rights of people.

Nepal also applauds Azerbaijan’s continuous efforts in promotion of multiculturalism and intercultural dialogues.

My delegation makes the following recommendations for their consideration:

1. Establish a robust legal framework to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women.
2. Continue measures to improve equitable enjoyment of socio-economic rights by vulnerable and marginalized communities.

We wish Azerbaijan a successful UPR.

Thank you.