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Statement by Myanmar Delegation

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan headed by -------------------------------- to this UPR session and thanks them for their presentation of the national report today.

We welcome significant steps taken by Azerbaijan since the previous UPR Cycle in fulfilling the international human rights obligations particularly in the field judicial sector. [We commend Azerbaijan’s commitment to reform its judicial infrastructure by enhancing domestic legislation as well as improving detention facilities in line with international standards. We learnt with satisfaction that Azerbaijan has launched an electronic court which is an innovative concept to ensure transparency, efficiency and independency of law enforcement.]

However, there is still more work can be done to ensure freedom of association and to promote the role of civil society. We are concerned by the alleged reports about repressions against civil society, restrictions in registration process and the increasing number of political prisoners.

In this light, we would like to make the following recommendations;

* Further strengthen its on-going judicial reform process though smart technology and awareness programme for law enforcement staffs
* Continue to take measure to grantee the freedom of association and engage closely with civil society in upholding human rights protection

In closing, we wish Azerbaijan a great success in the current review.

I thank you, Mr. President.