**Statement of Hungary on Azerbaijan**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and expresses its thanks for the detailed national report and update. We welcome that since its second UPR review Azerbaijan became a State Party to a number of Council of Europe treaties. Hungary notes with appreciation that the Government is actively considering its accession to further international human rights instruments. Hungary appreciates that the Government continues to observe the activities of the International Criminal Court and is studying the possibility of adopting legal mechanisms for effective cooperation with the ICC. We are happy to note that Azerbaijan continues to extend a standing invitation to all the special procedures of the HRC. Hungary notes that the Government contributed to the OHCHR in 2014 and 2017.

**Hungary recommends that the Government**

* take further steps to afford all persons deprived of their liberty with all fundamental legal safeguards from the very outset of their detention,
* take measures to ensure that secondary school attendance rate among girls in rural areas be raised to the commendably high level of attendance of girls in urban areas.

The United Nations country team welcomed the Government’s efforts to combat trafficking, however it noted existing challenges in identifying victims and in providing them with assistance and protection. We call on the Government to continue to combat human trafficking.

Finally, the Hungarian Delegation wishes a successful UPR to the delegation of Azerbaijan.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**