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(Statement by Turkey)

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Azerbaijan and thank them for their substantive presentation.

We note with satisfaction that Azerbaijan has taken measures to address issues that have been raised during the previous cycles.

While examining Azerbaijan, we need to be reminded of the context. 20% of Azerbaijani territory is still under Armenian occupation and Azerbaijan is obliged to provide support to a significant number of IDPs and refugees.

We commend all efforts made to this end and fully recognize the challenge at hand. We **recommend** Azerbaijan to continue its constructive engagement in ensuring the rights of Azerbaijani IDPs  forcefully expelled from the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan to return to their native lands.

Steps taken to fight corruption are particulary critical. We applaud the work of the State Agency for Public Services and Social Innovations (ASAN). We **recommend** Azerbaijan to continue its ongoing efforts to enhance the transparent and efficient nature of ASAN.

We wish Azerbaijan every success in this UPR cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President.