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**Statement**

**delivered by Kamran Seyfullayev, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Iraq and expresses its gratitude for the introduction of the report.

Azerbaijan welcomes the progress made by Iraq during its reporting period, particularly the adoption of a number of policy documents and programmes related to the development of various aspects of human rights situations in the country. We also commend the steps taken by the government on the improvement of national legislation and bringing it in line with country’s international obligations.

Azerbaijan offers the following recommendations to Iraq:

1. To take further steps to strengthen its cooperation with international organizations, in particular with respective human rights bodies;
2. To intensify efforts aimed at women empowerment, as well as protection of rights of children.

Azerbaijan wishes Iraq a successful review.

I thank you.