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Statement

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the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Mr. Chair,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Commonwealth of Bahamas at the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presented report.

Azerbaijan appreciates the measures undertaken by the Government of the Bahamas to implement the recommendations made during the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. We praise the commitment and dedication of the country in its timely submission of periodic reports to the human rights treaty bodies.

We also note with appreciation the SDG-centric approach deployed by the Government of Bahamas in undertaking measures designed to advance the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard we would like to particularly highlight the adoption of Vision 2040 National Development Plan of the Bahamas.

Azerbaijan would like to make the following recommendations for Bahamas:

- 1.** To include measures aimed at ensuring transparent, efficient and accountable delivery of public services into its national development strategy;
- 2.** To continue its positive experience of investing significant resources for education while giving particular emphasis on incorporation of international human rights standards into the national education system.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of Bahamas a very successful review.