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Statement

**delivered by Mr. Yalchin Rafiyev, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of
the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Thank you Mr. Vice President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Canada at the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presented report.

Azerbaijan takes note of the progress made by the authorities of Canada in addressing the challenges related to discrimination. However, we are concerned by the reports that racial profiling by the police, security agencies and border agents continued on a daily basis, with a harmful impact on indigenous peoples, as well as on ethnic minority Muslims, African Canadians and other ethnic minority groups.

Azerbaijan would like to recommend Canada the followings:

- 1.** To take all necessary measures to ensure that the recommendations made by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination are fully implemented;
- 2.** To conduct impartial, thorough and effective investigations into all cases of attacks, harassment, and intimidation against religious and ethnic minority groups and bring perpetrators of such offenses to justice;
- 3.** To exercise due diligence in dealing with business entities that are involved in illegal economic activities and human rights violations in the uncontrolled conflict-affected territories.

I thank you Mr. Vice President.