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Statement

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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 Colombia to the third cycle of the UPR and thanks the delegation for the national report and its presentation today.

Azerbaijan appreciates commitment of Colombia to the UPR process and welcomes the progress achieved by the Government of Colombia in implementation of the recommendations received during the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Azerbaijan congratulates Colombia with the Peace Agreement, which has put an end to an armed conflict that lasted more than five decades.

Azerbaijan also commends Colombia for its accession to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Azerbaijan positively notes legislative and institutional measures to improve protection of the population, including through implementation of the National Strategy for Guaranteeing Human Rights 2014–2034.

Having said that, Azerbaijan wishes to make following recommendations to Colombia:

- First, to continue making every effort to ensure safe, dignified and sustainable return of displaced persons to their homes;
- Second, to continue bringing national human rights legislation in line with international human rights standards;
- Third, to include measures aimed at ensuring increasing efficiency and accountability of public service into its national development strategy.

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

I thank you Mister Chair.