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Mr. Chair,

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

Azerbaijan takes note with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the Government of the Republic of France to implement the recommendations made during the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and would like to make following recommendations:

1. To consider the possibility of ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
2. To take result-oriented measures for implementing the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, including those related to the situation of Roma and other minorities;
3. To reinforce national legislative framework and institutional mechanisms to combat all discriminatory practices based on racial, ethnic and religious profiling.

We believe that incorporation of international human rights standards on tolerance and non-discrimination into the national education system is extremely important in the promotion of human rights of racial, ethnic and religious minorities living in the country. Therefore, we **recommend** France to apply such standards in its own national setting.

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