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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. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of the Lao PDR and thanks the Delegation for the presentation of its national report today.

We welcome the increased level of co-operation of the Lao PDR with treaty bodies and special procedures of the United Nations. We take positive note of the measures taken by the Government aimed at building enabling environment for enjoyment of all human rights.

Azerbaijan offers the following recommendations to the Lao PDR:

1. Continue adopting and implementing national plans to empower women in all spheres of life
2. Take preventive and awareness raising measures in order to further develop the fight against human trafficking.
3. Continue implementing its poverty reduction efforts across all the country in particular in rural areas.

We wish the Delegation of the Lao PDR a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.