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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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Thank you Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the State of Qatar and thanks the delegation for its national report.

Azerbaijan appreciates Qatar's solid commitment to the Universal Periodic Review process. We commend Qatar for the major progress achieved in implementation of the recommendations the country received in its last UPR. Particularly, ratification of important international instruments like the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is noteworthy.

Azerbaijan wishes to offer following recommendations to Qatar:

- Continue taking measures to combat human trafficking, including by ensuring implementation of the National Plan to Combat Human Trafficking 2017–2022
- Take further measures to ensure empowerment of women
- Consider taking measures aimed at ensuring increased efficiency and accountability of public service

We wish the delegation of Qatar every success in this review.

Thank you Mr. Vice-Chair.