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Mr. Chair,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation to the third cycle of the UPR and thanks the delegation for the presentation of their national report.

Azerbaijan positively acknowledges commitment of the Russian Federation to the UPR process and the progress achieved by the Government of the Russian Federation in implementation of the recommendations received during the previous cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

It is commendable that, the Russian Federation has become party to the majority of the basic international human rights treaties and, in its national report the Russian Federation has expressed its intention to gradually extend the range of its international human rights obligations.

Azerbaijan wishes to underline importance of the reforms carried out by the Government for ensuring efficiency of justice and liberalization of the criminal law policies in the Russian Federation.

Azerbaijan would like to make following recommendations to Russia:

- to continue its efforts aimed at eliminating child labor;
- to consider undertaking measures aimed at increased efficiency and accountability of its public service delivery system in the context of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you Mister Chair.