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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 Democratic Republic of the Congo and thanks the Delegation for the presentation of national report today.

We welcome the adoption of the National Strategic Development Plan in 2017 and other national policies implementation of which will affect the promotion and protection of human rights positively. We also take note of the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol by the DRC since the last cycle of the UPR.

We also recommend the DRC to:

1. Continue the practice of becoming a party to the international human rights instruments
2. Continue developing its national legislation constantly in line with international standards

We wish the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.