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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Estonia and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We would like to note that some UN treaty bodies have expressed their concerns on existence of problems related to the discrimination, xenophobia and racist attitudes, as well as torture, ill-treatment and excessive use of force in Estonia. For instance, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights expressed concern at persistent stigmatization of certain nationalities, ethnicities and population groups, and racist acts against them. Further, the Committee against Torture was concerned that Estonia remained a source, transit and destination country for human trafficking, for the purposes of both forced prostitution and forced labour.

In the light of the above-mentioned, we have the following **recommendations** to Estonia:

1. To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families;
2. To establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles;
3. To investigate all allegations of torture, ill-treatment and excessive use of force by law enforcement officials and to bring those responsible into justice;
4. To prevent and combat xenophobic statements and acts targeting migrants, asylum seekers and refugees;
5. To reinforce measures to combat human trafficking.

Thank you, Mr. President.