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Statement

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Mr. Vice President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the 26th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for the comprehensive presentation.

Azerbaijan welcomes the national report on the follow-up of the accepted recommendations which clearly indicates the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since its first UPR.

Azerbaijan notes with appreciation that the Republic of Moldova became a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. At the same time, we **recommend** the Republic of Moldova to continue its accession to the core international human rights instruments.

Azerbaijan commends the establishment of the Council on the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring Equality (the Council) aiming at ensuring the protection against discrimination and equality of all persons who consider themselves victims of discrimination. We **recommend** the Republic of Moldova to consolidate the normative framework that regulates the activity and competences of the Council.

We are of the view that the national priorities and initiatives reflected in the national report will further pave the way to overcome the challenges remaining in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

At the end, we wish the delegation of the Republic of Moldova a very successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.