

Remarks by Azerbaijan
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Ms. President,

The Delegation of Azerbaijan would like to note the following remarks concerning the interactive dialogue on the oral report of the High Commissioner on Belarus:

The Republic of Azerbaijan notes the recent measures by Belarus on the promotion and protection of human rights.

Belarus has regularly cooperated with the existing human rights mechanisms of United Nations through the submission of the periodical reports and country visits. The existing cooperation with the Committee on Torture, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of migrants, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Rights of Child could be mentioned in that regard.

We welcome the move by the Government of Belarus to extend the standing invitation to eight special mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

We would like to remind the participation of Belarus in the Universal Review Mechanism of the Human Rights Council in 2010. We would like to mention in that regard, the establishment of interagency group which is dealing with the national plan on implementation of the accepted UPR recommendations. It is worthwhile to note that Belarus has implemented the majority of UPR recommendations.

Belarus has updated and informed the Office of High Commissioner, mandate holders and member states on the recent developments in the country.

We welcome the extension of the official invitation to the High Commissioner for Human Rights by the Government of Belarus in order to examine the latest measures undertaken by the relevant structures of Belarus effectively and closely.

The Republic of Azerbaijan believes that the current spirit of cooperation and collaboration between Belarus and the human rights mechanisms of the Human Rights Council should continue in the future as well.

Thank you.