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Statement

**delivered by Emin Aslanov, Second secretary of the Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations
in Geneva**

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Thank you Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan expresses its gratitude to the delegation of Botswana for the comprehensive National report and its presentation today.

Azerbaijan welcomes Botswana's commitment to the Universal Periodic Review Process and its efforts to implement recommendations received, despite socioeconomic challenges.

Azerbaijan also appreciates Botswana's open and constructive cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms. We hope that the relevant mechanisms and international organizations will further increase their efforts to provide both financial and technical assistance to the Government of Botswana to address longstanding challenges and implement recommendations made in the last and current review.

Azerbaijan wishes to make following recommendations to Botswana:

1. To continue undertaking further measures to eradicate poverty;
2. To take further steps to ensure right to health particularly by combatting the scourge of HIV and AIDS;
3. To speed up the process of accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
4. To take measures to improve efficiency, accountability and transparency in the public service of the country.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of Botswana a successful review.

Thank you.