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Statement

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Geneva**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Burundi and thanks it for its national report and presentation today.

Azerbaijan appreciates commitment of Burundi to the Universal Periodic Review Process. We acknowledge the progress achieved by the authorities of Burundi in the implementation of the recommendations made during the last review cycle.

In this context, ratifications of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment are noteworthy.

In addition, we welcome efforts of the Government of Burundi in combatting gender-based violence, ensuring right to health and right to education.

Having said that, Azerbaijan wishes to make following recommendations to Burundi:

- To increase its efforts to ensure right to education in all over the country;
- to explore opportunities of open partnership with the OHCHR with a view to benefit from relevant assistance and support of the Office;
- To take measures to improve efficiency, accountability and transparency in the public service of the country.

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

Thank you.