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Mr. Chair,

Let me start by expressing our thanks to Finnish delegation for comprehensive national report they have prepared and presented.

Azerbaijan welcomes the measures undertaken by the Government of Finland to address the recommendations made during the last UPR cycle.

Reading through the report, one can have no doubt that the Government has examined and taken into account the most of the UPR recommendations in its consistent endeavors aimed at advancing the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, it worth to mention the adoption of the second National Action Plan on Fundamental and Human Rights for 2017-2019 which envisages concrete measures to implement recommendations given to Finland during last UPR process and by other human rights mechanisms.

Special legislative and institutional measures taken by Finnish Government in response to the UPR recommendations on enhancing anti-discrimination action in the country should also be applauded. The new non-discrimination legislation adopted in 2015 defining forms of prohibited discrimination and modalities of supervision is a big positive step forward. In this context, we would like to **recommend** Finland to continue its efforts to combat all forms of discrimination and to promote equality.

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

Thank you Mr. Vice President.