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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. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Guatemala and expresses its gratitude for the comprehensive National report presented to us.

Azerbaijan commends Guatemala for its commitment to the Universal Periodic Review Process and positively notes progress of the Government in addressing the recommendations it has received during the last UPR cycle.

We take note of constructive cooperation Guatemala has build with the UN human rights mechanisms and bodies. Financial contributions made by the country to OHCHR in 2012 and 2013 should be appreciated.

We have following recommendations for Guatemala:

- to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- to further enhance the promotion and protection of women's rights, including addressing violence against women and femicide;

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

Thank you Mr. President