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Statement

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the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Italy and expresses its gratitude for presentation of their national report.

Azerbaijan commends Italy's commitment to the Universal Periodic Review process and welcomes the major progress achieved in implementation of the recommendations the country received in its 2nd UPR. Particularly, ratification of a number of international human rights instruments by Italy and adoption of the National Plan of Action against Racism, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance is noteworthy.

Azerbaijan offers the following recommendations to Italy:

1. Take steps to strengthen the fight against modern slavery, including by addressing reported cases of exploitation of migrant workers in farms;
2. Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
3. Intensify efforts to combat all forms of racism, Afrophobia, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Azerbaijan wishes Italy a successful UPR

I thank you.