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the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Liechtenstein at the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presented report.

Azerbaijan takes note of the institutional reforms undertaken by the Government of Liechtenstein with a view to ensuring protection of human rights at the domestic level, in particular the establishment of National Human Rights Institution and consolidation of different ombuds institutions under the umbrella of newly established NHRI. We acknowledge the progress made by the authorities of Liechtenstein in addressing the challenges related to discrimination. It is worth to refer, in this regard, to the amendments made to the Criminal Code which envisage the criminal liability for not only racial discrimination, but also public incitement of hatred and discrimination on various grounds.

Motivated by its own UN-awarded national anti-corruption best practice, Azerbaijan **recommends** Liechtenstein to initiate the application of innovative approaches and technological innovations for the efficient, accountable and transparent delivery of public services.

We also **recommend** Liechtenstein to perform due diligence before registering business entities that are involved in illegal economic activities and human rights violations in the uncontrolled conflict-affected territories.

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

I thank you Mr. Chair.