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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Mexico to the third cycle of the UPR and thanks the delegation for the national report and its presentation today.

Azerbaijan appreciates the efforts undertaken by the Government of Mexico to implement the recommendations received during the second cycle of the UPR and positively notes that the Government of Mexico extended an open invitation to special procedures.

At the same time, we welcome the formation of National Development Plan and National Human Rights Programme as an effort to harmonize human rights legislation.

To maintain positive dynamics of further improvement of human rights situation in Mexico, Azerbaijan would like to make following recommendations:

1. to ensure equal access to legal abortion at least in cases of danger to life and health for all women in all Mexican states, and
2. to promote the participation of people of African descent in official, economic, cultural and political issues affecting them.

In conclusion we wish the delegation of Mexico a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.