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Statement

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Thank you Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan led by H.E. Minister Khawaja Muhammed Asif and thanks the delegation for the detailed presentation. We appreciate the progress made by Pakistani authorities in the implementation of the recommendations made during the last review.

Azerbaijan praises SDG-centric approach deployed by the Government of Pakistan in undertaking measures designed to advance the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard we welcome the resolution passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan adopting 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda as the national development strategy of the country.

We believe that incorporation of international human rights standards into the national education system is extremely important for the protection of human rights. Therefore we commend the achievements of Pakistan in this particular field and recommend the country to continue this positive experience.

We would like to make the following additional recommendations for Pakistan:

1. To further strengthen existing flagship programs for social safety nets;
2. To continue to provide financial and other forms of support to the women and other vulnerable groups.

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

Thank you Mr. President.