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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. Chair,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Philippines and express our thanks for the comprehensive report.

Azerbaijan commends Philippines strong commitment to the UPR Process. We appreciate that the Government of Philippines has responded the most of the recommendations it has received during its second UPR. We also take note of the progress made by Philippines since the last report.

Azerbaijan also recognizes significant progress Philippines have made in protection of vulnerable groups, combating trafficking in human beings and ensuring the rule of law.

Azerbaijan has following recommendations to Philippines:

1. Continue its efforts on further improve judicial system;
2. Continue its endeavors in combating all forms of human trafficking.

In conclusion, we wish Philippines a very successful review.

Thank you.