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UPR of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Statement

**delivered by Mr. 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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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the third cycle of the UPR and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Azerbaijan appreciates commitment of Saudi Arabia to the UPR process and the progress achieved by the Kingdom in implementation of the recommendations received during the previous cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Azerbaijan welcomes measures undertaken by the authorities of the Kingdom with a view to prevent and combat human trafficking, particularly adoption of the national action plan to combat crimes of trafficking in persons (2017–2020).

Azerbaijan would like to offer the following recommendations for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

- 1. To continue its activities in combating human trafficking;**
- 2. To consider including measures aimed at ensuring increased efficiency and accountability of public service into its national development strategy.**

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia a successful review.

Thank you Mr. President.