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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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Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka and thanks it for its comprehensive national report and presentation today.

Azerbaijan recognizes commitment of Sri Lanka to the Universal Periodic Review Process and commends Sri Lanka for progress achieved with regard to recommendations it has received during the last UPR cycle.

Azerbaijan particularly appreciates Sri-Lanka's active engagement with the UN institutions and treaty bodies. We applaud country for extending a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.

We have taken positive note of the recently launched National Human Rights Action Plan which enshrines number of measures aimed at advancing protection and promotion of human rights, with particular focus on rights of women, rights of internally displaced persons, refugees, migrants, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

Azerbaijan would like to make the following recommendations to Sri Lanka:

1. Continue its close cooperation with the UN bodies and mechanisms to implement the National Human Rights Action Plan;
2. Exert further efforts to ensure return and re-settlement of the remaining Internally Displaced Persons;
3. Continue allocating adequate funds for welfare programs providing support to persons with disabilities.

In conclusion we wish Sri Lanka a successful review.

I thank you Mr. Vice-President.