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UPR of Ukraine**

Statement

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Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in
Geneva**

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Thank you Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Ukraine to the third cycle of the UPR Working Group and appreciates this opportunity to engage in a dialogue with Ukrainian authorities on promotion and protection of human rights.

Azerbaijan praises strong commitment of Ukraine to the Universal Periodic Review Process. Having studied the national report of the Government, we commend the progress made by Ukraine in implementation of the most of the recommendations from the 2nd review. Azerbaijan particularly appreciates Ukraine's ratification of number of international Conventions.

We have taken positive note of the Government's judicial reforms by strengthening independence and expertise of judiciary. We welcome adoption of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy 2015 - 2020 identifying key objectives and activities to achieve expected results. Azerbaijan recommends Ukraine to continue its efforts to improve access to justice for all Ukrainians.

Azerbaijan also welcomes Ukraine's commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and it's SDG-centric approach to elaboration of strategic documents. In this regard, we appreciate developing of the National Baseline Report, which is aimed to transform 17 SDGs to national development context. We recommend Ukraine to continue exerting increased efforts to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In conclusion we wish Ukraine a very successful review.

Thank you.