

## **Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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Mr. President,

The Republic of Azerbaijan welcomes the measures carried out by the Government of Belarus in the field of promotion and protection of human rights.

Belarus is a party to most of the international human rights instruments. In compliance with its international obligations Belarus regularly cooperates with the existing human rights mechanisms of United Nations and submits national periodic reports for consideration by treaty bodies. In this regard, we commend a National Action Plan to implement the UPR and the treaty bodies' recommendations effectively which is being elaborated through wide consultations with civil society and the UN country team.

Belarus underwent two successful UPR cycles, in which supported and implemented over two thirds of the recommendations made during these cycles. In this regard, we welcome the openness and willingness of Belarus to further cooperate with UPR mechanism.

Azerbaijan also positively notes the issuance of a standing invitation to a number of thematic special procedures of the Human Rights Council by Belarus.

We also welcome the extension of the official invitation to the High Commissioner for Human Rights by the Government of Belarus in order to identify further steps for strengthening human rights agenda in Belarus.

In conclusion, the Republic of Azerbaijan believes that all outstanding issues can be considered within the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between Belarus and OHCHR.

Thank you.