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UPR of Niger

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Niger and thanks the esteemed delegation for the comprehensive national report.

The national report of Niger clearly shows the achievements of the country in the field of human rights during the last years.

Since its first UPR, the Republic of Niger has taken a number of steps in order to improve institutional and normative legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, we welcome the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, as well as the adoption of Law against trafficking, Rural and Water Codes.

Azerbaijan also commends Niger's cooperation with the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations. The issuance of standing invitation should be particularly highlighted in this regard. We **recommend** Niger to continue its engagement with the human rights mechanisms of UN for the promotion and protection of human rights.

We also welcome the introduction of quotas for women in elected office and in the public service. In this regard, we **recommend** Niger to further intensify its efforts to promote women's empowerment through capacity-building, gender sensitivity training and public awareness-raising activities.

Finally, the delegation of Azerbaijan would like to assure once again the delegation of Niger of its support and cooperation.

Thank you, Mr. President.