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Statement**

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

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Thank you, Madam President,

Azerbaijan takes note of the Study report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on national policies and human rights, prepared in order to assist States in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by integrating human rights into national policies.

Azerbaijan submitted its second voluntary national review in 2019, providing an overview of the efforts made by Azerbaijan with respect to policy pursued for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals given the commitment to make progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

Madam President,

Azerbaijan is of the view that a robust system of special procedures guided by the principles of transparency, fairness, impartiality and inclusiveness is an important tool for the Human Rights Council to accomplish its tasks.

As a country believing in importance of country visits by mandate holders, Azerbaijan has extended a standing invitation to all mandate holders and has always reiterated its strong interest in continuing constructive dialogue and interaction with them.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate that, Azerbaijan will continue its national policy measures as well as, constructive dialogue and cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights in the country

I thank you.