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**Statement
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Madam President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of the Kingdom of Belgium and thanks the Delegation for the presentation of their national report.

Azerbaijan is concerned about the rising cases of discrimination, religious intolerance and xenophobia in Belgium.

Noting the measures taken by the Government in addressing the above-mentioned issues, Azerbaijan recommends the following to Belgium:

1. Become party to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
2. Take effective measures in combating all manifestations of religious intolerance and in promoting inter-cultural dialogue.
3. Investigate the reports on the unlawful use of force and racially motivated violence by law enforcement officials and bring those responsible to justice.
4. Implement effective integration policies for minorities, migrant workers and other vulnerable groups in combating discrimination against them.

Azerbaijan wishes the Delegation of Belgium a successful review.

Thank you, Madame President