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UPR of Somalia**

Statement

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Geneva**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Somalia to the third cycle of the UPR and thanks this delegation for the presentation of their report.

We note with appreciation that Somalia has taken measures to implement the recommendations put forward by the delegation of Azerbaijan during the previous cycle of the UPR and has extended an open invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders.

We also positively note the commitments of Somalia to strengthen the promotion and protection of the rights of the vulnerable groups and welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as the establishment of the National Disability Agency.

We would like to recommend Somalia to:

1. Continue intensifying efforts aimed at strengthening the protection of children affected by armed conflict, including through ratifying Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict;
2. Continue efforts to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

We wish the delegation of Somalia a successful review cycle.

Thank you.