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Madam President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Australia and extends its gratitude for the report and the presentation.

Azerbaijan welcomes the commitment of Australia to the UPR process and positively notes the establishment of a standing national human rights mechanism to strengthen engagement with human rights reporting.

However, we note the concerns by the Human Rights Committee and a number of NGOs about discrimination on the basis of ethnic, racial, cultural or religious background in Australia, with migrants from African countries being particularly targeted. We also note that racism towards indigenous people is reported to be embedded, with many facing discrimination when seeking access to adequate housing, education, health care and in the criminal justice system. Azerbaijan recommends Australia to take resolute measures to combat discrimination and violence on racial, ethnic or religious grounds.

We note with concern that domestic violence against women and children continues to be a prevalent concern. Azerbaijan recommends efforts to be made to prevent domestic violence and address its impacts.

I thank you.