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UPR of Niger**

Statement

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

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Madame Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the Niger and thanks them for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan commends the commitment of Niger to the UPR process and notes with appreciation that the Niger has taken measures to implement the recommendations put forward by the delegation of Azerbaijan during the previous cycle of the UPR. We welcome adoption of a National Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Strategy, a National Plan of Action to Combat Child Labour and a Decree on protection, assistance and support for girls attending school. In light of this development, we recommend the Niger to continue stepping up efforts to promote women and child's rights through effective implementation of the new policies.

We also acknowledge the significant progress made by the Niger with regard to the ratification of international instruments and efforts aimed at abolishing death penalty and recommend the Niger to continue its efforts aimed at country's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We wish the delegation of the Niger every success in this review cycle.

Thank you.