

Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR
Azerbaijan
at the 16th Session of the UPRWG of the HRC

(Tuesday, 30 April 2013, 14:30 – 18:00)

Mr. President,

1. First of all, I would like to express my warm welcome to the delegation of Azerbaijan; led by H.E. Mr. **Khalaf Khalafov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and also thank the delegation for the presentation of Azerbaijan's National Report at this session.
2. My delegation took note with satisfaction the efforts made by the Government of Azerbaijan to promote and protect human rights in the country, in particular, through a number of steps and measures taken in line with the National Action Program of the Republic of Azerbaijan, We also welcome the country's adoption of various domestic laws, which would contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights, such as the Law on Combat against domestic violence (in 2010) and the Law on Ensuring the rights and fundamental freedoms of the detained persons (in 2012).
3. Cambodia welcomed Azerbaijan's accession to a number of international treaties in the last four years which include, among others, the UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of Diversity of Cultural Expressions, the Convention of the Council of Europe on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and the ILO Convention No. 156 concerning Equal Opportunities and Equal Treatment for Men and Women Workers.
4. With a view to further promoting human rights protection in the country, Cambodia wishes to make the following recommendation for Azerbaijan:
 - To continue its effort to effectively implement its existing National Action Programs and enforce its legislations recently adopted.
 - To further carry out public awareness campaigns on human rights in particular with respect to the empowerment of women's rights.

Thank you Mr. President.