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IV. Promotion and protection of the identity of religious minorities

Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan on Item IV

Thank you, Madame Chair

First of all, I would like to (...) panellist special rapporteur Mr (...) for his presentation concerning the promotion and protection of (...) religious minorities. In a similar way, I would like to inform the distinguished participants about the national practices in Azerbaijan (...) team. Being a country of long-standing tradition of tolerance, non-discrimination and peace, Azerbaijan attaches great importance to inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue, and contributes to discussion deliver. Azerbaijan's predominant Muslim population has always been committed to principles of (...) among all its citizens following principles of unity and diversity. For (...) centre, as Muslims and Christians and Jews have (...) to live side by side in Azerbaijan in conditions of peace, tolerance and mutual respect. They all take part of the political, social-economic, and cultural levels, (...) make contributions to Azerbaijan's development. (...) characterise Azerbaijan as a controversial high level of dispute tolerance (...) feature of Azerbaijan's population. (...) as the most tracking feature of Azerbaijan, regarding issues of relevant (...) date is a balance attitude shown by Azerbaijanis towards religion. As a main consequence of this attitude, is a undisputable degree of tolerance of its population general (...) in its constitution and an essential ingredient of the freedom of religion and faith in the society. Established in 2001, the state county for religious organisations of Azerbaijan is the main governmental agency in Azerbaijan in charge of the regulation of activities of religious organisations. Our country is (...) special attention to the historical religious monuments in (...) reconstruction church (...) as a country. (...) contributes to the foundation of this cause (...) address of tolerance, Azerbaijan project of this foundation is the Orthodox church in (...) marring Roman Catholic church (...) more in a new synagogue is a construction funded by the government of Azerbaijan was open in (...) in 2007. First of all, very recently in November this year, the Orthodox religious cultural centre of (...) Azerbaijan (...) built in the side (...) has been opened as a centre built by Azerbaijan state. At the present, the religious situation is stable as the level of religious tolerance is fine in the country. Today more than 1,800 mosques, five Orthodox, one Catholic, one Lutheran, two Alban-Udi, four churches Orthodox, six synagogues and (...) priest (...) function as a country freely in result in discrimination, (...) inputs and remarks of (...) seeking for awareness in regards for realisation of effective measures for the protection and promotion of identity of religious minorities.

Thank you for your attention.