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We are disappointed that until yesterday, Azerbaijan also held back the addendum on view and conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented. This leaves little chance for the NGOs to prepare their interventions and objections.

Sudwind believes that the education strategy planned by the state was not enough to limit the endemic corruption. The corruption perception index of transparency international shows even an increase of corruption in 2012 in comparison with the already very bad situation of 2011 (This index was 139 out of 176 countries in 2012, as in 2011 the index was 143 out of 183). The state of corruption even prevented Iranian investors especially the Azerbaijani Iranian to invest their capital in Azerbaijan. We recommend Azerbaijan to take this dilemma as highest priority and to implement national program of action to combat corruption.

The corruption has not only prevented the development of the country but also the health of population is targeted. We recommend that Azerbaijan government to invest on a decent national health care system for all and not only the rich.

In the first cycle of UPR the reply of Azerbaijan on ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) was that 'Azerbaijan was involved in its draft'. Therefore, the concept of aggression should be clarified before Azerbaijan may proceed to ratification. Now after four years, Azerbaijan is still one of the rare European countries who had not yet accessed the Rome Statute. Sudwind urges Azerbaijan to show a will for accession to ICC.