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Statement

**delivered by Amb. Vaqif Sadıqov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Madam President,

I am pleased to announce that, on the margins of the 43rd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), as a follow-up to the HRC resolution 37/7 of 22 March 2018 on “Promoting human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals through transparent, accountable and efficient public services delivery”, the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will organize a joint side event “Transparent, accountable and efficient public services delivery in promoting human rights” on Thursday, 12 March 2020.

The joint side event aims at reflecting on initiatives and activities in follow-up to the abovementioned HRC resolution; discussing opportunities for international cooperation to address challenges faced by UN Member States in their efforts to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in the delivery of public services; considering ideas for strengthening the delivery of public services, including through development of guidelines and/or a set of principles underpinning the effective public service delivery for the realization of human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Furthermore, Azerbaijan on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement is planning to submit the resolution on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. Detailed information with regard to the informal consultations on the resolution will be circulated shortly.

Prior to the 21st session of the Working Group on the Right to Development, Azerbaijani Chairmanship of the NAM has decided to organize an “Open-ended Discussion on the Right to Development and possible ways in achieving its practical implementation” on 12 February 2020, at 11:00 in the Palais des Nations in Room XI. We believe that the event will be a good opportunity, and probably the last one, for having a broad consultation and discussion on the right to development before we engage into negotiation process on the draft legally binding document within the WG in early May 2020.

I thank you Madam President.