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Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Statement

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Madam President,

It is an unfortunate situation that nowadays, conflicts and displacements constitute serious human rights challenges for humanity and we continue to witness the armed conflicts resulting sufferings of civilian population.

In this regard, the HRC in addressing the situations of violations of human rights, including gross and systematic ones, should pay attention to the voice of the group of persons whose rights have been violated.

Being member of this very respected body, should not be used as a cover for hiding behind. We draw the attention of the Council to the voice of more than 1 million people – the Azerbaijani Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees, whose fundamental human rights and freedoms, among others, the right to property, the right to effective remedy have been violated by Armenia almost thirty years as a result of the occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan.

The responsibility of Armenia for those human rights violations has been confirmed by the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights back in 2015. Referring to the judgement of this very respected regional court, rather than one sided interpretations and falsifications as Armenia always does, we urge the HRC to address those systematic human rights violations in compelling Armenia to end its disrespect to international law and the UN Charter and to restore the violated human rights of Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees by allowing their right to return to their homes and properties in dignity.

I thank you.