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**Clustered Interactive Dialogue with
the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
and the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons**

**Statement
delivered by Aydan Muradova, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the
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Mr. President,

At the outset, on behalf of the Government of Azerbaijan, I would like to thank Mr. Léo Heller, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation for the presented comprehensive report.

The improvement of the access of the country's population to enhanced water supply services and sewer system is one of the priorities pursued by "Azerbaijan 2020: look into the future" development concept. Utmost attention is given to the issue of equal access to drinking water and related measures in this regard are envisaged in the existing state programs. Particular attention is paid for creation of safe water resources.

Mr. Heller, we appreciate and take note of your recommendations, particularly the ones on ensuring adequate provision of services to victims of armed conflicts and call for more attention to this issue. It is highly important to ease the sufferings of the people living in the frontlines, where hostile acts committed by one state against another have no limits. Regrettably, the population of my country which lives in the frontlines is being deliberately deprived of its right to water, which is essential to life and health, due to the fact that the rivers flowing through Armenia to Azerbaijan, as well as water resources located in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan are being deliberately intensively and excessively polluted.

Mr. President,

We also take this opportunity to thank Ms. Kornfeld-Matte, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons for her work and presented report.

Your recommendations are taken into account. Due attention has always been paid to the representatives of older generations in Azerbaijan. Great respect to older generations derives from our national values and culture. Necessary measures are being taken by the Government to improve the lives of older persons and to ensure dignified life for them.

I thank you for your attention.