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Mr. President,

We thank the High Commissioner for her comprehensive update.

We share concerns expressed by the High Commissioner about violence, and the incitement of violence, on the basis of religion. We still witness groundswell of xenophobia, racism and intolerance today. Hate speech is also on the rise and constitute an attack on tolerance, inclusion and diversity.

At the same time, number of people fleeing war and conflicts exceeded 70 million people globally. IDPs are among the most vulnerable people in the world, who deserve more focused attention. Many of them remain displaced for years or even decades due to protracted conflicts. It is important that the High Commissioner do not neglect their situation and undertake consistent activities to address their plight.

Azerbaijan values the increased level of cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner at national level through joint activities with NHRI and the Bar Association. Yesterday, on 24 June the Government of Azerbaijan in collaboration with the OHCHR organized an international expert meeting on effective models for the delivery of public services contributing to the realization of human rights and SDGs as part of the UN Public Service Forum and Award Ceremony hosted by Azerbaijan. The aim of the event was to explore the best practices of public service delivery contributing to the realization of human rights and to identify common trends and challenges.

We look forward for the continuation of mutually beneficial cooperation with the OHCHR.

I thank you.