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**Statement**

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

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Mr. President,

I would like to underline the importance of the work conducted by Special Procedures mandate holders and treaty bodies underpinned by the principles of universality, objectivity, impartiality, non-selectivity and non-politicization. Azerbaijan enjoys fruitful cooperation with the Special Procedures and the Government has extended invitation to all mandate holders wishing to visit our country. At the same time, on some instances we regret to observe cases of presenting by them unfounded allegations based on one-sided information received from unreliable sources, without prior consultation with the concerned States. We invite all Special Procedure mandate holders to continue engaging in constructive cooperation with the States in fulfilling their mandates.

We thank the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee for the preparation of the Study on contribution of development to the enjoyment of human rights.

As reflected in the report, the right to development finds clear resonance in various provisions of several human rights instruments and is an integral part of human rights. Indeed, sustainable development and human rights are complementary and mutually reinforcing. The right to development provides an enabling environment for the full realization of the SDGs.

As a country which attaches high importance to the right to development, Azerbaijan believes due attention should be given to the consideration of the right to development in the agenda of the Human Rights Council.

Over the past years the Government of Azerbaijan has succeeded in achievement of many of the development goals. Large-scale programs have been implemented aimed at improving well-being of the population and ensuring the full enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. Believing in the importance of the international cooperation for the realization of the right to development, Azerbaijan actively undertakes relevant international development efforts through the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Azerbaijan International Development Agency-AIDA under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I thank you.