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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and
cultural rights, including the right to development**

**Statement
delivered by Amb. Vaqif Sadiqov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of
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Mr. President,

We take note of the reports of the OHCHR submitted under current agenda item, the preparation of which we have been closely following with a view to ensuring necessary contribution from our relevant authorities.

We are delighted to note that the compilation prepared pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 35/32 about good practices, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations in mainstreaming human rights into national policies, reflects also a number of best practices from Azerbaijan, including on Government's interaction with civil society in implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.

The report also highlights that through its presence in the South Caucasus, OHCHR strengthened capacities to expand legal aid to vulnerable groups in their access to social services and enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in Azerbaijan.

We appreciate the increased level of cooperation of the Office with the national stakeholders in Azerbaijan, including the Office of the Ombudsperson and the Bar Association with a view to enhancing their capacity to promote and protect human rights.

We also thank the Office for its constructive cooperation in organizing a joint international workshop on 24th June 2019 in Baku as a follow-up to the HRC resolution 37/7 on delivery of public services on “Effective models for the delivery of public services contributing to the realization of human rights and the SDGs”. That workshop was part of the UN Public Service Forum and Award Ceremony focused on human rights based approach to public services. Let me also express my sincere gratitude to my distinguished colleagues who travelled from Geneva to participate at the event.

I thank you.