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delivered by Mr. Yalchin Rafiyev, First secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

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Mr. President,

We welcome the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and thank him for the comprehensive report.

Azerbaijan is against the practice of unilateral coercive measures which continues to inflict economic hardship on the innocent population of the countries concerned. It most certainly makes the achievement of the sustainable development more elusive, thereby undermine our collective efforts towards a universal push to drive the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda.

Experience of past years demonstrated that the intended outcome of the coercive measures has failed to materialize, and the sole result has been undue hardship that has been caused to population. Such measures have worsened the plight of the most vulnerable.

Entire international community has consistently highlighted the fact that unilateral coercive measures are inconsistent with international law, transgresses fundamental humanitarian principles and contravenes the Charter of the United Nations and the norms governing friendly relations between States.

Azerbaijan firmly believes that the key to solving the problems arising between the states lies in their goodwill and readiness to seek mutually acceptable compromises, rather than using coercion and blackmail.

Thank you Mr. President.