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**Interactive dialogue with the
Fact-finding Mission on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

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

The Republic of Azerbaijan is seriously concerned with the ongoing violence against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. We note that attacks on Rohingya Muslims are not new, but have been ongoing for years, leading to an increasingly desperate situation. More than 410,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled to neighbouring Bangladesh since the recent outbreak of violence on 25 August 2017. Azerbaijan supports the efforts of the international community, in particular the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to stop this violence.

There is an urgent need for a de-escalation of tensions, and for full observance of international human rights law. Unrestricted humanitarian access, including for aid workers, is essential in order to reach those who desperately need it. We stand in solidarity with the Bangladeshi authorities, who have played a crucial humanitarian role in welcoming the refugees from Myanmar. On 8 September the Republic of Azerbaijan sent humanitarian assistance amounting to 100 tons of food to the refugees fled from Myanmar and settled in Bangladesh.

In conclusion, we urge international organizations, world community, political and religious leaders to take necessary steps to prevent violence against Muslims in Myanmar.

Thank you.