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Statement

**delivered by Emin Aslanov, First secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of
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Madam Vice-President,

We take positive note of the annual report of the Coordination Committee of the special procedures mandate holders.

The report indicates that, last year, 80 mandate holders organized or attended just about 90 forums, consultations, and other events in all regions, in collaboration with Governments, the UN system, civil society and the private sector. These figures show that, there is a clear need to request the mandate holders to increase their availability of attending such events, since the broader outreach by the mandate holders is of crucial importance for discharging their mandate.

Azerbaijan is of the view that a robust system of special procedures guided by the principles of transparency, fairness, impartiality and inclusiveness is an important tool for the Human Rights Council to accomplish its tasks.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate that, Azerbaijan will continue its constructive dialogue and cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.