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Mr. Vice-President,

With the increased number of human rights challenges in the context of ongoing and protracted conflicts, forceful displacement of millions of people, and racial, religious, gender based and other forms of discrimination the role of UN human rights bodies and mechanisms has become even more crucial.

In this regard, it is clearly of great importance that these institutions and mechanisms operate to their fullest potential and accordingly fulfill their mandates to meet expectations of the Member States.

We welcome the new High Commissioner's views and vision about the role of the OHCHR and believe that her diverse experience and able leadership will further improve OHCHR's cooperation with and assistance to the Member States.

Using this occasion we would like to underline the importance of work conducted by the special procedures mandate holders and treaty bodies which always should be guided by the principles of universality, objectivity, impartiality, constructive cooperation, non-selectivity and non-politicization.

We value the OHCHR's pivotal role in extending technical assistance and capacity building to States upon their request. With that in mind, this year Azerbaijan has again made a voluntary contribution to support OHCHR's advisory services and technical cooperation, in particular in the African continent.

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

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.