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**Clustered ID with IE on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
and
SR on the right to development**

Statement

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Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in**

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Thank you, Madame Vice-President,

We would like to express our appreciation for the presentation of comprehensive reports by the mandate holders for the interactive dialogue today.

The regional consultations held by Special Rapporteur Mr. Alfaragi, with multi-stakeholder participation, produced recommendations that will further contribute to realization of the right to development.

All human rights, including the right to development, are universal, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible. Bearing in mind that, the increased level of international co-operation would play an important role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the realization of the right to development should be considered as valuable way and means in this regard.

Azerbaijan believes in importance of international cooperation in achieving the purposes of the United Nations, ensuring the realization of the right to development as well as implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We would like to note that in November 2018, the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNECE signed a joint declaration on co-operation for Sustainable Development Goals. The objective of the joint Declaration is co-operation in the implementation of activities aimed at achieving the SDGs and work together to identify national priorities for sustainable development.

Ending poverty and hunger, reducing inequality, combating climate change, achieving gender equality and addressing the issues of mass-scale migration, including solving

Internally Displaced Persons' problems, require the attention of the international community as a whole and demand collective action towards these ends.

The essence of the realization of the right to development was also stressed in the Baku Declaration of the 18th Mid-Term Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement. Eradicating poverty in its all forms and dimensions was identified as one of the critical elements in the promotion and realization of the right to development which is indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

I thank you.