

**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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Mr. President,

We would like to make the following statement with regard to the Resolution on Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights, which has been adopted last Friday.

Azerbaijan commends cooperation of the Ukrainian Government with the UN Mission in Ukraine.

At the same time, Azerbaijan is worried over civilian casualties, and by the growing number of IDPs and missing persons in the armed conflict in the Eastern Ukraine.

Proceeding from a matter of principle, Azerbaijan condemns any forms of extremism, radicalism and separatism, and reaffirms once again its unequivocal commitment to the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and the inviolability of internationally recognized borders of the States, which constitute the basis of relations among the UN Member States and that of international peace and security.

Having experienced a more than a quarter-of-a-century long history of the occupation of 20 percent of its territory, accompanied by ethnic cleansing, large-scale massacres, and violations of human rights of one million Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs, Azerbaijan fully adheres to the solution of all existing conflicts among the States on the basis of these principles.

Azerbaijan firmly supports the territorial integrity of Ukraine and is of the view that the settlement of the present conflict in the Eastern Ukraine is possible only through political way and dialogue that involves all segments of the Ukrainian society.

In the light of the above-mentioned, Azerbaijan emphasizes the importance of full observance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as other relevant international documents in human rights sphere.

Thank you for your attention.