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Panel on the promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context,
including through combating xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance

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Remarks by Azerbaijan

Madame President,

Our delegation is honored to speak in this timely and important panel discussions.

As a bridge between cultures and active member of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations, Azerbaijan feels responsible for promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue based on mutual respect and understanding. Having deep and strong roots of respect towards the diversity of cultures and tolerance, Azerbaijan believes that peoples of different religions and backgrounds can only be gathered together through dialogue, indulgence and tolerance in this turbulent and anxious world.

Representatives of all nationalities and religions live in our country in peace and mutual understanding. The multicultural dialogue in our country can be used as an example of peaceful coexistence between people of different religions and backgrounds. Azerbaijan as a country of tolerance strives today to step up its efforts to create a spirit of partnership and brotherhood between all peoples and religions.

Madame President,

Let us inform the Council that Baku city will host the second International Humanitarian Forum in October this year which will gather the world leaders, heads of international organizations, prominent public figures, academic circles and world mass media representatives again in our capital. We are of the view that such kinds of events strongly highlight the importance of dialogue, tolerance and mutual respect through the intensive exchange of views among peoples and nations.

Thank you for your attention.