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Presentation of thematic reports and oral updates on item 2, 3 and 8, report of the  
WG on the right to development, and briefing by ECOSOC President**

**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

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Thank you Mr. President!

We welcome The President of the ECOSOC Madame Inga Rhonda King at the Human Rights Council and thank her for the briefing in line with Resolution 37/25.

As a member of the ECOSOC Azerbaijan strives to contribute to the international peace and development in accordance with the goals and principles of the UN Charter.

Azerbaijan is strongly committed to the cause of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which embodies all human rights, including economic, civil, cultural, political, social rights and the right to development.

Acknowledging the central role of the High-Level Political Forum in overseeing and follow-up of reaching the goals and targets enshrined in the 2030 Agenda, Azerbaijan has submitted its first Voluntary National Contributions on the implementation of SDGs in 2017 sharing its experience and future plans. My country intends to submit its second VNR next year.

We consider implementation of SDGs as a complex process enabling joint action of state authorities, civil society institutes, business representatives, scientific and educational establishments, mass media and international organizations supporting the progress.

With the aim to exchange best practices and experiences in achieving SDGs as well as to prepare our second VNR, Azerbaijan is organizing Baku Forum on Sustainable Development on 25-26 October 2018 entitled “Strengthening international and regional partnership in the implementation of SDGs”. The Forum is gathering high-level officials responsible for coordination of SDGs implementation at national level, as well as, UN Representatives, international and local experts among others. Using this opportunity, we invite You and all the States to participate at and benefit from this Forum.

Mr. President,

We also welcome the Report of the Working Group on the Right to Development and support the recommendation contained in it for the OHCHR to take sufficient measures to ensure a balanced and visible allocation of resources and pay due attention to the visibility and effective implementation and mainstreaming of the right to development.

Thank you Mr. President!