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Statement

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

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We welcome both Working Groups at the 41st session of the Council and thank them for the reports.

We stress the importance of ensuring the protection of human rights in business related activities particularly in conflict and post-conflict situations, including the rights of women and girls.

We are of the view that human rights responsibilities of businesses with regard to conflict situations still remain to be improved.

It is alarming that SOME countries in this room are fiercely speaking about human rights, while they continue to contribute to the violation of those very rights on a daily basis via the conduct of illegal economic activities on the conflict-affected areas.

With the view of drawing the attention to the existing gap in the protection of human rights in business related activities in conflict affected areas, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Geneva and the UN University for Peace organized the Conference entitled "Impacts of Illegal Economic Activities in Conflict Areas on Human Rights" this April in Geneva.

The Conference discussed adverse human rights impacts of illegal economic and business activities in conflict-affected areas that have been increasingly challenging the global community for decades.

We strongly believe that the WG on business and human rights must increase their availability of attending such events, since the WG must also be attached to specific cases in order to ensure broader outreach for discharging their mandate.

Thank you.