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**General debate on Item 5
Statement**

**delivered by Ms. Marziyya Vakilova-Mardaliyeva, First Secretary of the Permanent
Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Thank you, Madame President,

Azerbaijan is actively engaging with the UN human rights mechanisms. The Government has extended standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders and has welcomed a number of them in the country.

The Working Group on oversight over the implementation of the recommendations by the UN treaty bodies, as well as received during the UPR, is acting as a national follow-up mechanism.

Azerbaijan is keeping up to date its reporting to the UN human rights treaty bodies and has already accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by several Committees.

We acknowledge that the treaty bodies have been continuing their work since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic by issuing specific recommendations. Azerbaijan takes them into account in its human rights-based response to the COVID-19, including through adoption of women-centered and disability-inclusive measures.

At the same time, the suspension of in-person meetings of the treaty bodies may challenge the consideration of the States parties' reports. This autumn four reports by Azerbaijan are scheduled to be reviewed by CEDAW, CERD, CMW and CESC. Thus, it is important to have more clarity in terms of organizational aspects of the upcoming sessions of the treaty bodies amid the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

In conclusion, we reiterate that Azerbaijan stands ready to continue its constructive cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms.

I thank you.