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**Clustered ID with SR on violence against women and SR on human rights of migrants**

**Statement**

**delivered by Yalchin Rafiyev, 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 Mr. President,

We welcome both mandate holders at the Council and thank them for the presented reports.

According to the estimations, around 3 per cent of the world's population currently live outside their country of origin, many of whose migration is characterized by varying degrees of compulsion. In addition to the traditional drivers of the migration, such as ongoing conflicts and economic underdevelopment, there are plenty of emerging reasons for the people to leave their countries of origin in search for a better life.

Like all people on the move, migrants also carry certain vulnerabilities along their journey which necessitates their rights to be protected. Therefore, human rights-based approach in migration management should be of utmost importance for the source, transit and destination countries.

Proceeding from this determination the State Migration Service of Azerbaijan, as a primary national agency responsible for migration management within the Government of Azerbaijan continues to apply facilitated access of foreigners and stateless persons to migration-related public services, including through their electronic delivery which is sought to ensure transparency and accountability in migration management.

The Agency has recently introduced many migration-related e-services, including registration upon place of stay, the issuance and extension of residence and job permits, application for Azerbaijani citizenship, access to national electronic database on travel restrictions, online queuing etc. All services are easily accessible in the website of the Agency and service fees are paid online.

A lot of efforts have also been undertaken by the State Migration Service to raise awareness of migrants on their rights. Training Center of the Agency offers courses for the foreigners and stateless persons on their rights and duties while living in the territory of Azerbaijan.

I thank you, Mr. President.