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Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and the Independent expert on human rights and international solidarity

Statement

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Madame Vice-President,

We welcome both mandate holders and thank them for their reports. We thank the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants for the preparation of the Study on the impact of migration on migrant women and girls.

We share the view in the study that migrant women, who comprise 48 per cent of all migrants, can make a positive contribution to the development in places of origin, transit and destination. But multiple forms of discrimination, which migrant women and girls may face, impede their ability to contribute. Exclusion prevents societies from benefiting from positive impact that migrants can have. It is also regrettable to see that the anti-migrant sentiments are on the rise in certain societies.

It is therefore important to ensure respect and protection of human rights of all migrants, including migrant women and girls across all stages of the migration process. The communities shall try to demolish the barriers that prevent migrants from contributing to the societies where they reside.

As one of the first countries who have ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Azerbaijan is committed to promote and facilitate legal migration through good governance of migration processes and elaboration and implementation of comprehensive migration policy. We are currently working on a new national migration strategy which will also take into account the goals envisaged by the Global Compact on Migration. This year Azerbaijan will also host the

brainstorming meeting of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families in Baku which will also discuss questions related to the implementation of Convention.

Migration can be only managed properly if there is a strong will and commitment towards collaboration among countries. Let me conclude by reiterating that Azerbaijan will continue to work toward greater international cooperation in this field.

I thank you.