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**Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and  
the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt**

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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 Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and thank them for their reports.

We support the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur, particularly on elimination of contemporary slavery practices and exploitation of child labor as well as assistance to and protection of migrant workers.

Azerbaijan attaches great importance to full realization of the right to food. Food security has been fully ensured in Azerbaijan and the Government is taking measures to further improve food safety.

Using this opportunity, we would like to share our experience on measures taken to improve food safety in Azerbaijan. In 2017 the Government established the Food Safety Agency which is tasked to ensure the regulatory framework for food safety (development and approval of sanitary norms and rules, as well as hygienic standards), carry out risk analysis, hygiene certification, as well as provide a quality certificate for food products exported to foreign countries. Among others, the Agency is also in charge of ensuring the state control over the protection of the rights of consumers of food products and food production at all stages on the basis of the "from field to table" principle.

Thank you.