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Mr. Vice-President,

At the outset let me on behalf of my delegation cordially congratulate all Nowruz celebrating nations on this occasion.

As one of the founding members of the Human Rights Council, Azerbaijan highly commends the work of this august body as an effective mechanism towards the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. We attach great importance to the OHCHR's global activities, particularly its pivotal role in extending technical assistance and capacity building to states upon their request. With that in mind, in 2018 Azerbaijan has again made a voluntary contribution to support OHCHR's advisory services and technical cooperation.

We see great merit in the argument that the adequate attention should be paid to the priorities of the member states during elaboration on technical assistance programmes for them. This kind of approach can also contribute to the efficient resource consumption.

The OHCHR Human Rights Advisor for South Caucasus provides technical assistance and advisory expertise in Azerbaijan. One of the recent activities was the provision of the first free on-site legal services to members of the vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities and older persons in cooperation with the Ombudsperson of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Bar Association.

We reaffirm our support to the OHCHR for its constructive and continuous cooperation and active dialogue with member States.

I thank you.