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Mr. President,

We thank the High Commissioner for her comprehensive update. We acknowledge that at a time when human rights challenges, in particular forceful displacement of millions of people, racial and other forms of discrimination are on the rise globally, updating the Human Rights Council on human rights situation around the world has become even more complicated.

We share the assessment of the High Commissioner that assisting States to create and maintain a positive dynamic, for ensuring civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights is an essential role for the United Nations. In this context, Azerbaijan reiterates its support to the High Commissioner's role as a crucial part of the UN for promotion and protection of all human rights worldwide.

We also value the increased level of cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner at national level. It is with appreciation that we note joint activities of the OHCHR with the national stakeholders in Azerbaijan, including the Office of the Ombudsperson and the Bar Association with a view to enhancing their capacity on promotion and protection of human rights.

We share the view of the High Commissioner that conflicts and displacements constitute serious human rights challenges for humanity. It is unfortunate that, we continue to witness the armed conflicts resulting, inter alia, in long-term sufferings of civilian population, accompanied by significant refugee and IDP situations, and large-scale violations of human rights.

Encouraged by the increased attention of the High Commissioner to the plight of displaced persons, we reiterate our call upon the UN Human Rights Council, its mandate holders and the OHCHR to take a principled stand for ensuring restoration of human rights of Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees.

Thank you.