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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome both Rapporteurs and thank them for their reports.

Azerbaijan is against the practice of unilateral coercive measures, which inflicts economic hardship on the innocent population of the countries concerned.

Azerbaijan deems the right to development as “an in-alienable human right”, which is accepted as an individual and a collective right.

We acknowledge that the 2030 Agenda for SDGs, along with the Declaration on the Right to Development identify the States as main stakeholders, emphasizing that the states have primary responsibility for the creation of conditions favorable for the realization of the right to development. Meantime, we would like to underline importance and necessity of strengthening international cooperation in ensuring right to development.

Having embedded the notion of the right to development even in its Constitution, Azerbaijan has achieved impressive results on many Development Goals, especially on eradicating extreme poverty, ensuring universal primary education, promoting gender equality and etc.

Likewise, Azerbaijan also takes an active part in international development efforts to help the developing countries to address humanitarian and socio-economic challenges they face, in particular through the International Development Agency of Azerbaijan.

Thank you.