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**delivered by Amb. Vaqif Sadiqov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Mr. President,

It is unfortunate that, we continue to witness the ongoing protracted 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, which mark the alarming global trends.

In this regard, we welcome the recent increased interest of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to the plight of the victims of ongoing-armed conflicts dealt with by the UN General Assembly and Security Council documents.

Azerbaijan condemns any forms of violent extremism and aggressive separatism, and **reaffirms once again its unequivocal commitment to sovereignty and territorial integrity of the States**, which constitute the basis of relations among the UN Member States and that of international peace and security.

Having experienced a 25 years long history of the occupation of 20 percent of its territory, accompanied by ethnic cleansing, large-scale massacres, and violations of human rights of one million Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs, my country fully adheres to the solution of all existing conflicts among the States on the basis of aforementioned principles.

Guided by the above-mentioned, Azerbaijan reaffirms its full support to sovereignty, political independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Thank you.