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Oral update by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on Ukraine

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**delivered by Amb. Vaqif Sadiqov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of
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Mr. President,

It is unfortunate that, despite the increasing number of UN documents, we continue to witness the ongoing armed conflicts resulting, inter alia, in long-term sufferings of civilian population, accompanied by significant forced displacement, and large-scale violations of human rights, which mark the alarming global trends.

In this regard, we take positive note of the increased interest of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to the plight of the victims of ongoing-armed conflicts.

Azerbaijan has a continuous record of supporting sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and we have been displaying this position in UN and all other international platforms.

As a matter of principle, Azerbaijan condemns any form of violent extremism and armed separatism, and reaffirms once again its unequivocal commitment to territorial integrity of the UN Member States, which constitute the basis of relations among them 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.

Thank you.