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Madame President,

We thank the High Commissioner for the comprehensive report and update. After 75 years of signing the Charter of the United Nations and adhering to the purposes and principles enshrined therein, the current situation in the world shows that we still have much work to do in achieving those objectives.

We share the view of the high Commissioner that discrimination and inequalities are the key drivers for human rights violations, as a result of which intolerance, xenophobia, aggressive nationalism, and hate speech are on the rise globally.

In this context, we would like to draw the attention of the OHCHR to the massive displacement of people in the context of armed conflicts, which continues to be a serious impediment for the enjoyment of human rights. The spread of COVID-19 has further exacerbated the situation of the tens of millions of internally displaced persons belonging to this vulnerable group. The sustainable and long-term solution to the involuntary displacement requires not only finding short- and mid-term solutions to the consequences, but also addressing the root causes of these situations. In the cases of foreign occupation accompanied by large-scale violations of human rights, the impunity for violations of international law must be condemned, and the countries perpetuating the violations of international humanitarian law should be brought to accountability in order to achieve a sustainable solution for internally displaced persons.

We call on the OHCHR to pay more attention to these negative patterns which threaten universal values for the benefit and without distinction for all.

Thank you.