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ID with SR on Internally Displaced Persons

**Statement
delivered by Third Secretary, Kamran Seyfullayev**

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Madam President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons and thanks her for the report.

The number of people who became displaced in their own country has reached an all-time high around the world and the grave situation of millions of IDPs require addressing root causes and concerted actions at all levels.

Madam Special Rapporteur,

Azerbaijan's sensitivity to the problem of IDP is clearly understandable, since displacement in our country is a consequence of the ongoing military aggression and occupation of the Nagorno-Karabakh and seven adjacent districts of Azerbaijan by Armenia that resulted in more than one million displaced Azerbaijani people who were forced to flee their home both in Armenia and in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. Nearly 700 000 of this displaced population are IDPs.

The Government of Azerbaijan has done a lot to alleviate the sufferings of these people, including through providing the temporary settlements as well as advancement of livelihoods of IDPs.

However, the only durable solution to the problems of the IDPs is the solution of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict through restoration of the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, which would enable the exercising of the basic rights of the IDPs - the right to return home.

Protection and promotion of human rights and ensuring justice are among the key goals of UN. In this regard, we reiterate our call to UN human rights mechanisms to dedicate more focused attention to the plight of Azerbaijani IDPs and to contribute to their long-overdue return to their homelands.

Thank you.