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Statement

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Mr. President,

Large-scale violations of fundamental rights of one million of Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs who have become victims of a quarter of a century long Armenian military aggression against my country demand the attention of the esteemed Council.

The most serious crimes of concern to the international community, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, have been committed against the Azerbaijani population in the course of the ongoing aggression of Armenia, which has occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan's territory and forcibly expelled those 1 million Azerbaijanis from their historic lands. The year of 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of Khojaly Genocide committed by Armenia against the civilians of the town of Khojaly in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. Brutal annihilation of hundreds of innocent inhabitants of Khojaly was one of the most heinous crimes during the armed conflict in and around the Nagorny Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

Despite numerous relevant UN SC and GA Resolutions, which were expressing grave concern over displacement of civilians and humanitarian emergency in the region of the conflict and demanded immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, Armenia's total disregard of the norms and principles of international law continues to be a major impediment to remedy sufferings of the victims of Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees.

Therefore, Azerbaijan appeals to the UN Human Rights Council and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in compliance with the UN SC and GA documents to urgently bring up the issues of human rights violations by Armenia in respect of Azerbaijani victims of this conflict.

We stand committed to engage with the UN High Commissioner whose work we highly value and appreciate, towards his contribution to the efforts of safeguarding fundamental rights of Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees.

Thank you.