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**Statement
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Thank you, Madame Vice-President.

We welcome the Special Adviser on Prevention of Genocide.

It is very unfortunate that the humankind still could not stop genocide, mass atrocity crimes and crimes against humanity, since the impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of such crimes encourages the continuation of genocidal acts. Therefore, it is necessary for the international community to put additional efforts for combating impunity and promoting accountability with a view to bring perpetrators to justice.

Ending impunity is important not only for the purpose of individual criminal responsibility, but also for truth and justice, as well as prevention of the crime of genocide.

People of Azerbaijan knows very well horrors and sufferings from the crime of genocide, when the population of whole towns and villages brutally attacked and forced to live their houses, when innocent civilians, including children, women and elders were massacred with the unspeakable cruelty, when those who escaped could not survive under harsh conditions of environment. These all are the crimes committed against our people in its recent history.

Madam Special Adviser,

International cooperation is essential to facilitate prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide and we believe that with the efforts of global community the perpetrators of this crime will be held accountable.

I thank you.

