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Thank you, Madame President.

We welcome the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing and thank him for the reports.

We share the vision on the challenges arising from Covid-19 that impede the realization of human rights, including the right to adequate housing. As it is pointed out by the Special Rapporteur, uneven availability of vaccines around the globe indeed seriously undermines the efforts this pandemic. Azerbaijan therefore, has always supported equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

More than one million Azerbaijanis have long been suffering from violation of their human rights, including right to housing. Since because of the aggression, occupation and ethnic cleansing conducted by Armenia against Azerbaijan, thousands of Azerbaijani families became refugees and internally displaced persons, losing access to their houses and properties. In its judgement "*Chiragov and others vs. Armenia*", the European Court of Human Rights also recognized the violation of the rights of the Azerbaijani citizens forcefully expelled from their homes, and found Armenia responsible on this.

Armenia's aggression did not stop with these violations. It continued its attacks against Azerbaijan from the occupied territories of our country throughout occupation period, whereby it constantly posed threat to life, safety and property of our population living close to the once existing line of contact.

During the last year's aggression of Armenia starting from September 2020, its attacks deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure in the cities of Azerbaijan far beyond the conflict area besides killing more than 100 and wounding more than 400 civilians, have also destroyed houses, apartment buildings, residential areas and other civilian infrastructure, resulting in violation of the right to housing of thousands of Azerbaijanis. Overall, these

deliberate and systematic attacks by armed forces of Armenia with a view to spread terror among the population of Azerbaijan left another 90 000 Azerbaijanis temporarily displaced.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

As the result of 44 days war, after the liberation of its territories, Azerbaijan has already started the rehabilitation and reconstruction of its liberated territories to enable return of hundreds of thousands internally displaced persons to their homes in safety and with dignity, including through providing adequate housing to our citizens who once had been subjected to forcible displacement by Armenian aggression.

At the same time, the massive contamination of the liberated territories of Azerbaijan with mines and other explosive devices by Armenia, strongly impedes the realization of this right. More than 100 Azerbaijanis have already become victim of this situation, since the end of hostilities continuing to pose threat to lives and safety of our population. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that the international community puts appropriate pressure on Armenia to release all the maps of minefields in our territories it had been occupying for decades.

Thank you.