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Statement

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Mr. Vice President,

We express our gratitude to the Special Rapporteur for the preparation of the report and for her comprehensive presentation.

As a country suffering from Armenian terrorism, Azerbaijan strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The Armenia which acquired the independence after collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, has supported terrorism at the state level. The glorification of terrorists is considered as manifesting support for terrorism and as an incitement to violence and hatred. On the other hand, and more dangerously, these types of propaganda encourage the next generation to follow them.

After the outbreak of recent hostilities Prime Minister of Armenia called foreign nationals to fight on the Armenian side. In an attempt to compensate serious losses, it has been inflicted in the course of the counter-offensive operations of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan to repel the armed aggression Armenia took steps to involve foreign nationals, into its armed units illegally deployed in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

According to available information, including that from open media resources, hundreds of terrorists from Northern America, Europe and Middle East were deployed to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and a preliminary investigations have already been started in some of these countries to indict foreign fighters who fought on the Armenian side.

It should be particularly noted that while the international community, has repeatedly expressed its profound solidarity with the victims of terrorism and their families, stressed the importance of assisting victims of terrorism and provided them and their families with support to cope with their loss and grief, the leadership of Armenia has consistently demonstrated its solidarity with and support and sympathy for the perpetrators of terrorist acts raising them to the status of national heroes and bestowing State decorations on them.

We are of the view that all terrorist acts, regardless of their motivation and purpose constitute serious crimes and must be explicitly condemned and prosecuted.

In the meantime, we are of the view that measures aimed at preventing and combating terrorism, should be consistent with international legal obligations of states and applied in a manner respecting human rights of all individuals.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.