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**Statement**

**delivered by Ambassador Galib Israfilov  
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to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Madam Vice-President,

We share concerns of the High Commissioner over the negative impact of environmental challenges on exercising human rights.

After restoration of territorial integrity, priority of the Government of Azerbaijan is to transform the liberated territories into environmentally friendly “green energy” zones. To this end, main efforts are channelled to demine and reconstruct the liberated areas to allow safe and dignified return of displaced population.

We are concerned that, these humanitarian objectives are attempted to be politicized by some countries, as well as impeded by Armenia. Azerbaijan expects the humanitarian assessment mission to the liberated areas to take place as soon as possible to identify needs for return of IDPs.

Azerbaijan invites specialized UN agencies including High Commissioner for Human Rights and other relevant actors to extend their assistance in the post conflict period.

Azerbaijan supports the Russian Federation’s proposal on establishment of bilateral intergovernmental commission on delimitation and demarcation of state borders between Azerbaijan and Armenia, as well as the efforts on exchanging detainees.

In closing, we would like to emphasize that all matters falling within the domestic jurisdiction of UN Member States, including that of Sri Lanka, must be resolved through dialogue and cooperation based on respect for international law principles and norms.

Thank you