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**Statement
delivered by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov
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Madam President,

We thank the High Commissioner for her support to the trilateral Statement of 10 November 2020 signed by the leaders of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Russia on the cessation of hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan. My country attaches vital importance to full implementation of the Statement and takes all necessary steps to this end.

However, the commitment of the Armenian side to this Statement raises serious questions. The new facts made public on recent illegal deployment of Armenian troops in the territory of Azerbaijan is a clear violation of the norms and principles of international law and the provisions of the Statement, which envisage the withdrawal of Armenian armed forces from Azerbaijan.

Furthermore, heavy contamination by Armenia of recently liberated Azerbaijani territories with landmines is causing serious threat to ensuring safe return of Azerbaijani IDPs to their homes in line with the Statement. Armenia's refusal of handing over maps of minefields it has planted, has already claimed lives of 16 and led to injuries of 65 citizens of Azerbaijan since the end of hostilities.

We call on the High Commissioner to urge Armenia to fully implement all its obligations arising from the international law and the trilateral Statement, which is a pre-requisite for restoration of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan and consolidating peace and stability in the region.

Thank you.