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**Oral update by the High Commissioner on the findings of OHCHR report on the
situation of human rights in Ukraine**

Statement

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Madame President,

It is unfortunate that, despite the increasing number of UN documents, we continue to witness the ongoing armed conflicts resulting, inter alia, in long-term sufferings of civilian population, accompanied by significant forced displacement, and large-scale violations of human rights, which mark the alarming global trends.

In this regard, we take positive note of the increased interest of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to the plight of the victims of ongoing armed conflicts.

As a matter of principle, Azerbaijan once again reaffirms its unequivocal commitment to the norms and principles of international law enshrined in the UN Charter, which constitute the basis of relations among the UN Member States and that of international peace and security, and opposes and condemns any form of violation of independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of any Member State.

Proceeding from this principled position, Azerbaijan has a continuous record of supporting sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and we present this position in the UN and all other international platforms.

Having experienced 30 years long history of the occupation of 20 percent of its territory, accompanied by ethnic cleansing, large-scale massacres, and violations of human rights of one million Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs, my country fully adheres to the solution of all existing conflicts among the States based on aforementioned principles.

Thank you.

