



UN Human Rights Council

Interactive dialogue

Interim oral update on the situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath

**Statement
delivered by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov,
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to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Madame President,

Azerbaijan's relations and cooperation with Belarus are based on support to each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence.

Proceeding from its principled policy, Azerbaijan stands for respect of sovereign equality, political independence, and non-interference into internal affairs of the UN Member States. We would like to emphasize that all matters falling into the domestic jurisdiction of the UN Member States, including that of Belarus, have to be resolved through a political dialogue on the basis of the rule of law and constitutional order of the States.

We call on the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights upon the request of Belarus to contribute to the process of a political dialogue in the spirit of objectivity, impartiality, and in cooperation with the host Government, and to support the authorities of Belarus by extending its assistance and expertise.

Thank you.

