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**Statement
delivered by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov
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Madame President,

Azerbaijan appreciates cooperation of OHCHR with the Office of the Ombudsperson of Azerbaijan, Bar Association of Azerbaijan, and Baku State University. This year, Azerbaijan has increased its unearmarked voluntary contribution to OHCHR's budget.

Azerbaijan is keen to further develop cooperation with OHCHR through constructive dialogue and based on the new realities which have emerged in our region after signing of the Trilateral Statement of 10 November 2020, which has put an end to nearly 30-year-long armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. These new realities have to be taken into account by OHCHR, in particularly while referring in their communications to the territories of Azerbaijan.

Currently, Azerbaijan is actively engaged in restoration of its liberated territories to ensure safe return of displaced Azerbaijani population. However, mines planted by Armenia in Azerbaijan, continue to threaten lives of population of Azerbaijan. As a result of Armenia's refusal to release maps of its minefields, more than 140 Azerbaijani nationals have become victims of mines.

Azerbaijan calls upon the High Commissioner to urge Armenia to live up to its obligations under international law and to immediately hand over maps of minefields to Azerbaijan.

The statement of Armenian ambassador this morning raises a lot of questions because it is a reflection of those war-mongering political forces of Armenia which still cannot accept the failure of their aggressive policy against my country and which were defeated at the recent parliamentary elections. So, who is presenting the official policy of Armenia in this session?

Respect for territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs of sovereign states are important principles enshrined in the UN Charter. In this regard, we stress that issues

brought to the attention of the Council, including those related to China, must be approached in full conformity with these principles.

Thank you.