



Presentation of the United Nations Human Rights Report 2020

Statement

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to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Thank you, Madame Chair,

Madame High Commissioner,

We thank you for the presentation of the United Nations Human Rights Report 2020. We are particularly pleased to see that the report highlights good practices of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the OHCHR.

Azerbaijan appreciates the joint activities of the OHCHR with the Office of the Ombudsperson of Azerbaijan, the Bar Association of Azerbaijan and Baku State University and is looking forward to their continuation and expansion. We support the activities of your Office in promotion and protection of human rights globally and with this in mind, this year Azerbaijan has increased its unearmarked voluntary contribution to the OHCHR's 2021 budget.

Madame High Commissioner,

Azerbaijan is among under-represented countries in the OHCHR and since its establishment in 1993 no Azerbaijani nationals have been working in the OHCHR. We expect that your Office pays due attention to the fair geographical representation in the Office.

At the same time, we strongly call on you, Madame High Commissioner, to instruct the Secretariat of the OHCHR to stick to the established UN language, while making references to the parts of internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan is keen to further develop fruitful cooperation with the OHCHR through constructive dialogue and taking into account the new realities emerged in the region after the Trilateral Statement of 10 November 2020 which has put an end to nearly 30-year-long armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Currently, Azerbaijan is actively engaged in restoration and rehabilitation of its liberated territories to ensure safe and dignified return of Azerbaijani displaced population to their homes. We believe that the United Nations,

including the OHCHR, has an important role to play in supporting implementation of the Trilateral Statement, which promises restoration of good neighborly relations in the region.

We are looking forward to relevant international partners to contribute to peace and stability in the region in accordance with the international law, the relevant UN documents, and with the consent of the Azerbaijani Government.

I thank you.