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

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Thank you, Madam Vice-President,

We take note of the comprehensive report of the High Commissioner submitted to this Interactive Dialogue.

It should be acknowledged that, unfortunately, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, religious and other related intolerance are on the rise around the globe, despite the adoption of various important international instruments and existence of different mechanisms dealing with those issues.

It is important to note that effective functioning of national preventive mechanisms, bringing those responsible for unlawful use of force and racially motivated violence in the law enforcement authorities, and pursuing comprehensive national policies and practices for combating widespread racism and other related forms of intolerance, are among the measures to be considered seriously.

In order to effectively addressing the above-mentioned dangerous trends, enhancement of international cooperation should be centre of attention as foreseen by the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. Result-oriented steps by the international community are required for effective implementation of the universally agreed documents in the fight against these dangerous trends and also for assessing the need for developing any appropriate additional international instrument.

We believe that international cooperation, including programs promoting intercultural and inter-confessional dialogue and tolerance, should be enhanced for achieving better results in combating racism and other related forms of intolerance.

Thank you, Madam Vice-President.