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**Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Special Rapporteur on Torture and
Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
Statement**

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

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Thank you, Madame President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his comprehensive report. Azerbaijan expresses its strong belief that torture and ill-treatment should be prohibited for everyone, everywhere and in all circumstances. In line with its treaty obligations, Azerbaijan has brought its legislation in line with international standards and takes constant measures to maintain the necessary conditions conducive for prevention of torture.

As it was stated in the report of the Special Rapporteur, the prevention of torture should not be considered just under the human rights law but also, under IHL and international criminal law. The situation of armed conflict substantially increases the cases of torture, especially when such inhumane acts are not prevented by states, instead, implicitly or explicitly promoted by states.

In this regard, we would like to draw attention to the inhumane acts perpetuated by Armenia, during its last phase of aggression against Azerbaijan that started back in September 2020.

Burning, throat cutting, decapitation, wilful killing, desegregation of dead bodies, outrages upon personal dignity and other inhumane acts have been committed by Armenia. Within a short period of time social media became full of such barbaric and violent crimes of armed forces of Armenia. The inhumane acts have been verified by reliable sources.

Those brutal violations, being contrary to the simple principles of humanity, were perpetuated by the armed forces of Armenia in a way producing a deep shock to any human conscience for being done as an entertainment.

We call on the international community to exert pressure on Armenia for complying its customary and treaty obligations as Armenia completely disregards and violates them.

I thank you.