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**Statement
delivered by Ms. Marziyya Vakilova-Mardaliyeva, First secretary of the Permanent
Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Madame President,

Azerbaijan attaches great importance to the OHCHR's global activities, particularly its pivotal role in extending technical assistance and capacity building to states upon their request. We see great merit in the argument that the adequate attention should be given to the priorities of the States during elaboration on technical assistance programmes for them.

The OHCHR Human Rights Advisor for South Caucasus provides technical assistance and advisory expertise in Azerbaijan. Since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in Azerbaijan, the Office jointly with the Bar Association of Azerbaijan has delivered a number of online workshops for legal practitioners on the impact of COVID-19 on human rights, has cooperated with the Ombudsperson's Office, provided free legal assistance for members of vulnerable groups and supported awareness raising activities in Azerbaijan to respond the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madame President,

We carefully read High Commissioner's report on cooperation with Georgia and commend Georgia's commitment to upholding human rights. Azerbaijan supports territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and settlement of the conflicts on its territories on this basic.

To conclude, Azerbaijan reaffirms its support to OHCHR's constructive and continuous cooperation and active dialogue with member States and with this in mind, has increased the amount of its voluntary contribution this year to support OHCHR's advisory services and technical cooperation.

I thank you.