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**Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance,
follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme
of Action**

**Statement
delivered by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov, Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Madam President,

We are concerned that the manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, religious and other related intolerance have been on the rise around the globe.

For the last 30 years, the people of Azerbaijan, in particular 300 000 of Azerbaijani refugees from Armenia and 800 000 of Azerbaijani IDPs forcibly expelled from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan have been suffering the manifestations of ethnic and racial discrimination, including hate speech perpetrated by Armenia that has chosen racial superiority and hatred as its state policy.

Having received adequate response of Azerbaijan to its military provocation along the state border between two states in mid July 2020, Armenia exported its ethnic hatred against Azerbaijanis to abroad.

Thus, the peaceful protests of Azerbaijani communities in Brussels, Hague, Strasbourg, Paris, Canberra, Warsaw, Stockholm, Washington, D.C., and other cities around the world, this July, were responded with brutal violence, racist hate crimes perpetrated by organized extremist groups belonging to Armenian diaspora organizations in these countries.

Hate crimes and violent acts organized by groups of extremists belonging to Armenian diaspora across the world resulted in gross human rights violations of many Azerbaijanis, including their rights to life, to safety and security of a person, to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, to freedom of opinion and expression, and right to property. Several persons were wounded, including an Azerbaijani TV journalist. It is shameful that those extremists even recorded a video of their beating and torturing Azerbaijanis, and shared the footage of this racist hate crime in social networks as their “heroic service” for the racist and nationalist ideologies, hate crimes pursued by Armenia and its diaspora.

The United Nations through its human rights mechanisms has to properly address and strongly condemn this violence, demanding immediate cessation of such state-driven policy of propaganda against peaceful Azerbaijanis living in and outside their home country.

Thank you.