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Statement

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Organizations in Geneva**

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Thank you, Madame President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for presenting his report. The Prosecutor General's Office of Azerbaijan has also made its contribution to it.

We concur with the view expressed in the report that the actions of prosecution services must be based on objectivity, impartiality and transparency. In this regard, we support the recommendation on the adoption of code of ethics for the public prosecution service. The Code of Ethical Conduct for Prosecutors was adopted in Azerbaijan in 2018, which helps to guide performance of their functions in an objective, impartial and transparent manner and puts in place the responsibilities in protecting human rights and prevention of corruption.

In recent years, Azerbaijan has made serious progress in preventing corruption in several areas, such as public services delivery, law enforcement, etc. The National Action Plan for 2020-2022 on Promotion of Open Government, the fifth policy document addressing anti-corruption, was adopted through public consultations with engagement of local NGOs.

The fight against corruption in Azerbaijan is mainly carried out by the Anti-Corruption Commission established in 2004. Besides, the Anti-Corruption Department of the General Prosecutor's Office serves as a specialized prosecution authority on corruption cases also dealing with transnational corruption.

As rightly indicated in the report, specialized trainings on the fight against the transnational corruption for the experts involved in this area is a challenge for prosecution services. Bearing this in mind, technical and consultative assistance on the part of international partners would be helpful to this end.

I thank you.