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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the letter of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences dated 1 February 2019, has the honour to transmit herewith the information received from the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in response to the questions reflected in the above-mentioned letter.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Office of the United Nations  
High Commissioner for Human Rights  
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**View submitted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
due to the request by the Special Rapporteur  
on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences**

We believe adoption of a universal convention on violence against women within the United Nations Organization (UN) would enable to implement more effectively the measures taken by the UN member countries. Since the adoption of CEDAW, many countries have positive experience in the fight against violence. However, the issues regarding the violence against women are envisaged within the scope of Article 2 of CEDAW Convention and are defined as the form of discrimination in general without specifying them.

At the same time, number of countries have joined the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention and have improved their national defense mechanisms. It should be taken into the account that the relevant UN agencies allocate enough funds and provide sufficient technical assistance to countries to combat against gender-based violence, in particular domestic violence. Besides, there is a need to improve further the procedure for the review of complaints on the violence against women within the UN.

It should be noted that attitude and views of many international experts to the issue of reconciliation of parties after the domestic violence is ambiguous. In practice there are many difficulties to prove the act of psychological abuse, as well. Experience shows that sometimes the corrective work with the person who committed violence (perpetrator) does not give positive results. In this respect, there is need for the formation of unique approach to this kind of issues.

Taking into the consideration the abovementioned, it would be expedient to adopt an appropriate document within the UN on violence against women. In this regard, closer cooperation of the Special Rapporteur with UN member states could give positive results.