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**Statement**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Azerbaijan as a member of the core group of the 2030 Agenda and human rights resolution thanks all the speakers for their valuable contributions to today’s discussions. Given that today the world is facing serious challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical crisis together with their adverse effects on human rights~~,~~ the theme of this intersessional meeting is very important from the perspective of integrating human rights in the delivery of specific SDGs.

Achievement of SDG-related commitments represents one of the crucial components of the development policy of the Government of Azerbaijan. At the national level, Azerbaijan has prioritized 88 targets and 119 indicators across all 17 SDGs. At the same time, Azerbaijan has accepted the 18th National Sustainable Development Goal on mine action activities in April 2023.

Moreover, the Government of Azerbaijan has set the country's long-term development pathways to socio­economic and environmental development through "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic Development" and the mid-term "Strategy for socio-economic Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2022-2026" which are fully aligned with its commitments under the 2030 Agenda.

My country has entered a strategic phase in the new post-pandemic and post­conflict era, which spans from 2021 to 2030. The rehabilitation of all conflict-affected territories and the secured and dignified return and reintegration of IDPs are the major post-conflict rehabilitation goals for Azerbaijan. Being adhered to the principles of leaving no one behind, sustainable peace and stability, Azerbaijan implements the program of great return to its liberated territories and the return of about one million internally displaced people to their homelands.

Azerbaijan will submit its 4th Voluntary National Report during the upcoming UN High-Level Political Forum.

I thank you.