Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

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Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on any of the draft country programme documents being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: **Azerbaijan**

Draft country programme document: **Azerbaijan**

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General comments	
Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document	*(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework)* We would like to bring to the attention of the members of the Executive Board that paragraph 4 of the draft country programme document (CPD) for Azerbaijan for the period 2021 to 2025, as has been endorsed in Baku, was as follows: ***The conflict in and around the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan***, *which has resulted in the displacement of approximately 1 million people from approximately 20 percent of Azerbaijani territory, has left many displaced families vulnerable, most of which include children and young people.* In the draft CPD for Azerbaijan published on the website of the Executive Board, paragraph 4 deviates significantly from the endorsed language. It is important for the Government of Azerbaijan that the above formulation is retained in the draft CPD. Therefore, we urge that the endorsed language be restored.