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Thank you, Mr. President.

First of all, we thank the panelists for their comprehensive and insightful presentations. Azerbaijan attaches great importance to cooperation with UNICEF as it has been a crucial partner for my country in providing quality healthcare, education and social services, while protecting and supporting vulnerable children, in particular children affected by war and children with disabilities.

Mr. President,

We would like to reiterate our Delegation’s deep concern regarding some parts of the draft CDP for Armenia considered today. It is highly regrettable that the language used in several paragraphs of this draft CPD contravenes the UN Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993) which reconfirmed that the Nagorno-Karabakh region is an integral part of Azerbaijan. In this context, it is pertinent to mention Article 25 of the UN Charter which should be abided by all Member States. Likewise, it is also for the UN system entities to follow the same pattern.

Attempts by Armenia to manipulate the CPDs for its nefarious purposes and fabricated narratives are futile and devoid of any substance.

Mr. President,

The trilateral statement signed by the leaders of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Russian Federation on November 9, 2020 has put an end to almost three-decade aggression unleashed by Armenia on the basis of its groundless territorial claims against Azerbaijan. Further trilateral statement of the three leaders dated 11 January 2021 has paved the way to unblocking of all economic and transport relations in the region and engaging in a direct inter-governmental dialogue for the rehabilitation and construction of new transport infrastructure facilities.
This new situation offers a unique opportunity and real prospects for building peace, but the continued provocative attitude by Armenia causes a major hindrance to the accomplishment of security and cooperation in the region. For Armenia to successfully implement the Sustainable Development Agenda, it is imperative to accept that there is no alternative to the normalization of inter-State relations between the two countries based on mutual recognition and respect for each other’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within their internationally recognized borders.

Thank you.