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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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on the situation in Ukraine

Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

We closely follow the situation in Ukraine, which is a strategic partner of Azerbaijan.

Our Delegation deplores loss of lives in Ukraine and would like to extend our deepest condolences to the esteemed Ambassador of Ukraine and families of victims.

Azerbaijan supports the early stabilization of the situation in Ukraine. Restoration of stability in Ukraine is important both for that country and for the entire region.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.