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United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to EU Statement on Azerbaijan

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States joins the EU delegation in expressing concern over the humanitarian situation in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of Azerbaijan. The United States is closely monitoring allegations of violence and human rights violations against the family of former parliamentary candidate Sakhavat Aliyev, in the village of Puysan.

The United States asks the Government of Azerbaijan on humanitarian grounds to investigate allegations of violence and human rights abuses expeditiously, and to ensure the provision of immediate medical attention to those in need as well as access for the diplomatic community.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.