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**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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Madam Moderator,

Azerbaijan is located at the crossroads of the transportation routes, connecting Europe and Asia.

Network of transportation corridors and infrastructures promotes trade, transport turnover, passenger traffic, tourism and play system-generating role in economic development not only of Azerbaijan but also countries situated along these transit routes and engaged in these projects.

Transit environment within states and transportation corridors which pass through the territories of states might be exposed to threats of terrorism, extremism, separatism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, drug trafficking and other forms of trans-border organized crimes.

Necessity to provide adequate security for transportation corridors stands high on the agenda of the international community and demand active interaction of law-enforcement agencies and coordination of their efforts at international level. With this in mind, Azerbaijan together with its partners are engaged in multi-dimensional cooperation within bilateral and multilateral formats.

Azerbaijan along with other member states from GUAM Organization have been implementing two important and interrelated projects, one aimed at ensuring effective functioning of transportation corridors through simplification of border and customs procedures, harmonization of legislation and elaborating of transit policy, while the other project combat terrorism, drug trafficking, and different forms of trans border organized crimes to provide security of the transportation corridors.

Also, Azerbaijan as a coordinator country within the CICA on the issues of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors works together with

the member states of this Organization in the interrelated aspects of political-military and economic dimensions of the security.

Given that the OSCE also pursues the comprehensive approach to the security it could extend its support to these institutions.

We think that the OSCE may add its value to the realization of the idea of secure transportation corridors, particularly through sharing of experience and other agreed activities in combating transactional threats. Such interaction would serve to the greater unity of effort and purpose both of the OSCE and other international actors.

Thank you Madam Moderator.