



Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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on constitutional referendum in Turkey

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Azerbaijan thanks the distinguished Ambassador of Turkey for raising this issue and sharing information on recent constitutional referendum in Turkey. We congratulate the leadership and the people of fraternal Turkey on successful holding of free, fair and democratic referendum. Exemplary high level of voter turnout demonstrated democratic maturity of the Turkish people, which confirmed its will to support the amendments to the Constitution.

As stated by President Aliyev in his letter to President Erdogan, the results of the referendum is a sign of the people's trust and confidence in the leadership of Turkey and appreciation of its successful policy and services to make Turkey more developed and powerful. Certainly, this referendum will mark the beginning of a new stage in the history of the brotherly country and reinforce the international role and standing of a stable and powerful Turkey.

The President also expressed his confidence that through joint efforts exceptional and friendly relations and strategic partnership between Azerbaijan and Turkey will continue to expand and strengthen for prosperity of our peoples and in the best interests of our countries.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.