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**STATEMENT
BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

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Condolences to Turkey on Soma Mining Tragedy

We have been deeply shocked by the news of catastrophic mining accident in Soma, Manisa province.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev sent a letter of condolences to the President of the Republic of Turkey H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gul and to the Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan and expressed profound sympathy to the Turkish people.

On behalf of the Delegation of Azerbaijan we convey heartfelt condolences to relatives and families of victims and to the people of brotherly Turkey and wish the speedy recovery for those who injured.

We hope that miners who are trapped aftermath the explosion will be rescued soon.

Azerbaijan shares the pain of Turkey.