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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AZERBAIJAN
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On situation in Ukraine

Madame Chairperson,

We are following with concern the recent developments in Ukraine and would like to underline the importance of respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders of Ukraine.

We wish to emphasize that these fundamental principles of international law and OSCE Helsinki Final Act should be the basis for resolution of crisis in Ukraine.

It is important for all sides to exercise self-restraint, refrain from unilateral steps and further promote dialogue within the Ukrainian society.

Azerbaijan, as Ukraine, is not a member of any military or security block. The only security organization that we are full-fledged members is OSCE.

We are convinced that the OSCE provides for a comprehensive platform for pursuing a constructive dialogue, as well as has necessary expertise to decrease the tensions and stabilize the situation in Ukraine. To this end, Azerbaijan supports initiatives to utilize OSCE capacity for the soonest restoration of peace and stability in Ukraine.

Thank you.