



Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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on the coup d'état attempt in Turkey

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Azerbaijan thanks distinguished Ambassador of Turkey for raising this agenda item. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our strongest condemnation of the coup d'état attempt of 15 July 2016 as an outrageous crime aimed at overthrowing democratically elected Government of Turkey.

This crime against Turkey's statehood, as well as the will and choice of the people, was foiled by resolute commitment of the brotherly Turkish people to democracy and the rule of law. Exemplary courage demonstrated by millions of Turkish citizens is an indisputable proof that no one can defeat the will of the people, and any attempt against the Turkish statehood is doomed to failure. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved-ones of all martyrs, who sacrificed their lives in this struggle and wish speedy recovery to the wounded.

In his letter to President Erdogan of Turkey, President Aliyev stated that during the period after the coup attempt Turkey registered remarkable achievements for the development of Turkey and strengthening its prestige and influence in the international arena under leadership of its President, and defeated anti-national circles, which put their personal interests over the will of the Turkish People. The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan re-confirmed solidarity with his Turkish counterpart on all existential matters.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.