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**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev
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to the United Nations**

**at the High-level special event on the presentation of the Code of Conduct
towards Achieving a World Free of Terrorism**

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At the outset, I would like to congratulate Kazakhstan for assuming the presidency of the Security Council for the month of January and for organizing today's meeting to present the zero draft Code of Conduct towards Achieving a World Free of Terrorism. We also commend Kazakhstan's leadership of the Council's relevant subsidiary bodies, including those with counter-terrorism mandates.

Azerbaijan actively participated in discussions on the draft Code of Conduct during the several rounds of informal consultations and supports this initiative as an important contribution to strengthening international counter-terrorism cooperation.

In his remarks at the informal meeting of the General Assembly on the 16th of January, the Secretary-General highlighted critical areas that require action in 2018, including the need for maintaining a strong focus on counter-terrorism and for coordinated responses to defeat this scourge.

Indeed, terrorism and related criminal activities are a growing threat to international peace and security, to the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the social and economic development of all Member States.

Areas of armed conflict, especially territories under foreign military occupation, often create conditions conducive to exploitation by terrorists, separatists and other organized criminal groups and networks.

We strongly support the international cooperation and enhanced individual and collective counter-terrorism measures, including in particular those aimed at degrading and ultimately defeating terrorist organizations, their affiliates and networks.

Azerbaijan welcomes the creation of the Office of Counter-Terrorism headed by Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov, as an important effort towards providing stronger leadership and coherence across the United Nations system and strengthening the delivery to Member States of United Nations capacity-building for counter-terrorism.

The war on terrorism cannot and must not be used to target any religion or culture. Among other efforts, support by the United Nations for successful initiatives on intercultural and interreligious dialogue, the culture of peace and multiculturalism is essential for promoting tolerance, building inclusive and resilient societies and overcoming stereotypes and misconceptions.

In conclusion, I would like once again to thank Kazakhstan for holding this high-level meeting and for the initiative to present the zero draft Code of Conduct towards Achieving a World Free of Terrorism. We wish the delegation of Kazakhstan the successful presidency of the Security Council in January and every success in their endeavours.

Thank you.