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**at the 39th plenary meeting of the seventy-third session of the
United Nations General Assembly**

**Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other
organizations: Agenda item 128**

**Introduction of draft resolution A/73/L.25, entitled Cooperation between the
United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization”**

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Mr. President,

In its capacity as Chairman-in-Office in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC), the Republic of Azerbaijan is pleased to introduce, on behalf of the co-sponsors, draft resolution A/73/L.25, submitted under sub-item (o) of agenda item 128 and entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization”.

The draft resolution, which is based on consensus resolution 71/18 adopted by the General Assembly on 21 November 2016, has been discussed in the course of informal consultations in an open and transparent manner. It contains some substantive and technical updates, as well as the new paragraphs reflecting the developments over the past two years. I would like to thank the delegations for their constructive approach and contribution throughout the process of negotiations.

The draft resolution reiterates the conviction that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

It further refers to the activities of the Organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in various fields and welcomes the efforts towards elaborating and implementing concrete joint regional projects.

The draft resolution welcomes the ongoing cooperation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and encourages developing practical and goal-oriented projects, in areas of common interest.

It also seeks to promote the interest of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, bearing in mind the importance of the regional and subregional dimensions and interconnectivity in sustainable development and their supporting role in facilitating the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at the national level.

The report of the Secretary-General entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations” (A/73/328–S/2018/592) describes, inter alia, the joint activities of the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the reinforced engagement of the United Nations with the BSEC Secretariat and its member States with respect to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The adoption of the draft resolution will further contribute to enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, supporting the implementation of the ongoing projects in the areas of mutual interest and strengthening the relevance and visibility of the activities undertaken for the benefit of the countries of the region.

We look forward to Member States’ support for the draft resolution and its adoption by consensus.

Thank you.