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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev
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Security Council open debate on “Strengthening multilateralism and the role of the United
Nations” under the agenda item “Maintenance of international peace and security”**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, I thank the Chinese presidency for convening this important open debate with a timely and topical theme on the strengthening of multilateralism and the role of the United Nations.

Azerbaijan joins the statement made earlier today by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and I would like to share with some additional remarks in my national capacity.

The challenges facing the world nowadays and increasing instability give rise to a need for strengthening of the international legal order and rekindling faith in multilateralism and confidence in the United Nations.

The United Nations is a critical pillar of multilateralism, and the purposes and principles of its Charter constitute the foundational normative framework in international relations. There is no alternative to commonly agreed rules and their universal application.

It is our common duty to promote and support a reformed, reinvigorated and strengthened multilateral system. Azerbaijan commends the Secretary-General’s strong commitment to reform and fully supports his determination to genuinely contribute to preventing wars and sustaining peace and making the United Nations more integrated, effective and efficient.

First and foremost, all States must strictly comply with their international obligations, particularly those relating to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and inviolability of their internationally recognized borders.

The objective of ensuring a peaceful, just and prosperous world is hardly achievable if the universally accepted fundamental values, norms and principles are overtly disregarded to whitewash aggressions and other illegal actions.

The established principle of the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory and the ensuing obligation of non-recognition of situations resulting from serious violations of international law must be applied and enforced universally and unconditionally.

Needless to say, the implementation of resolutions adopted by the principal organs of the United Nations and accountability acquire significant importance in that connection. Apparent disregard of Security Council resolutions containing binding demands cannot constitute an accepted practice in discharging by the Council of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The faithful implementation of international treaties is also among the key prerequisites of the global system of harmonizing international relations and of individual and collective efforts towards confronting the threats and challenges to peace, security and stability.

In recent years, important progress has been achieved in enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and regional partners under Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter across a full range of areas – from the maintenance of international peace and security and humanitarian assistance to development and the protection of human rights.

However, serious challenges remain. While regional organizations are normally well positioned to understand and address the causes and consequences of armed conflict and crises, not all of them are capable to ensure compliance by Member States with their statutory commitments. In some instances regional arrangements are evidently misused by the violators of international law as a shield for consolidating military gains and undermining the efforts towards achieving solutions to regional conflicts and other security problems.

The United Nations, which was established to prevent war and human suffering by binding all its members through a common rule-based order, plays a central role to ensure that all involved in addressing peace and security concerns uphold the uniform application of the purposes and principles of the Organization. Support for this role of the United Nations and for safeguarding its collective security, political and humanitarian mechanisms is crucial in maintaining peace, stability and sustainable development.

Coherent global responses and common efforts, with the United Nations at the core, are the most effective ways to address conflicts, fight climate change and global terrorism, manage forced displacements and migratory flows and achieve the goals of peace, inclusive sustainable development and human rights for all.

Thank you.