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Social and human rights questions**Letter dated 1 May 2026 from the Permanent Representative
of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 16 March 2026 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations, on behalf of the Permanent Missions of the States members of the Organization of Turkic States to the United Nations, addressed to the Bureau of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 19.

(Signed) Tofiq F. **Musayev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 1 May 2026 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Note verbale dated 16 March 2026 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations, in its capacity as Chair of the Organization of Turkic States, addressed to the Bureau of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations, in its capacity as Chair of the Organization of Turkic States, has the honour to bring to the attention of the Bureau of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women the following:

The Permanent Mission, on behalf of the Permanent Missions of the States members of the Organization of Turkic States to the United Nations, strongly protests against the unilateral and groundless decision of the Bureau of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women to remove the already registered speaker name “Azerbaijan on behalf of the Organization of Turkic States” from the list of speakers and to amend it to “Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Türkiye and Uzbekistan)”.

The Bureau’s reasoning behind this decision, as informally communicated to the Permanent Mission, namely that “the Organization of Turkic States does not have a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and work of the General Assembly” is not relevant in this case. As is known, the absence of observer status with the General Assembly has never been and cannot be an obstacle for different groups to deliver statements in United Nations organs, including the Security Council, the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and others. It should be noted that, during the general discussion segment of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, several Member States delivered joint statements on behalf of organizations or groups that also do not hold such an invitation or status.

Against this background, it is particularly incredible that the Bureau of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women has taken said decision based on an objection received from a single member State from the Asia-Pacific region.

Referring to the above, the Permanent Mission, on behalf of the Permanent Missions of the States members of the Organization of Turkic States to the United Nations, urges the Bureau of the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women to make the necessary adjustment to the list of speakers and to include in the report and records of the session the joint statement delivered as “Azerbaijan on behalf of the States members of the Organization of Turkic States”.