



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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on current developments in Turkey

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan condemns, in strongest possible terms, recent coup d'état attempt in Turkey aimed at overthrowing the democratically-elected government. We convey our heart-felt condolences to the families and loved-ones of the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives to defend the democracy in the country and wish speedy recovery to the wounded.

This was an outrageous crime against Turkey's statehood, as well as the will and choice of the people, which was foiled by the brotherly Turkish people in unity and solidarity. We commend the exemplary courage displayed by the people of Turkey in face of inhumane attacks against civilians by the perpetrators.

In his letter to the President of Turkey Rejep Tayyip Erdogan, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan strongly condemned this crime against the Constitution and democracy of Turkey. The president expressed his confidence that as a result of resolute measures taken by the Turkish authorities to prevent the coup attempt demonstrating the unity of the People and Government of Turkey, the situation in the brotherly country would soon be normalized.

In this challenging time Azerbaijan remains resolute in supporting People and State of Turkey in defeating threats to its unity, territorial integrity and statehood.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.