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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AZERBAIJAN
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On situation in Ukraine

Madame Chairperson,

We join other speakers in thanking Swiss Chairmanship for convening today's meeting. We also express our gratitude to Ambassador Tim Guldemann, Personal Envoy on Ukraine, for his comprehensive information.

We are following with concern the recent developments in Ukraine and would like to underline the importance of respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders of Ukraine.

Azerbaijan is striving for more than two decades to restore its violated territorial integrity, sovereignty and internationally recognized borders and we reiterate that these fundamental principles constitute the cornerstone of international order and peace.

In this framework we wish to underline that full respect to these fundamental principles of international law and OSCE Helsinki Final Act should be the basis for resolution of political crisis in Ukraine.

It is important for all sides to exercise self-restraint and to further promote dialogue within the Ukrainian society.

We believe that the OSCE provides for a comprehensive platform and necessary expertise to decrease the tensions and stabilize the situation in Ukraine. To this end, Azerbaijan will support the initiatives, which are aimed at the soonest restoration of peace and stability in Ukraine.

Thank you.