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Dear Chairperson,  
Dear General Director,  
Ladies and Gentlemen!

First of all, I sincerely greet you all.

Of course, at such a significant Assembly, which is followed previous one being held for in such a format, the main priority is the coordination of measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a short speech, it is difficult to say about the huge amount of work done in a short period of time to combat the pandemic, about the successes, losses, the impact to the economic system and the social consequences of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, in many cases, countries are fighting this scourge alone. Every country should know that the problem of Asia, Europe, Africa, America is not only their problem - it is a problem for all of us.

At this difficult time in our country, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, made an appeal to the people: "Together we are strong."

I think this call is also true at the international level. Only by combining efforts, building a purposeful, well-thought-out strategy of action you can achieve success in combating the pandemic.

As for the experience of Azerbaijan, I want to say that our government has organized measures to combat coronavirus in several areas:

- measures taken to prevent the entry of the virus into the country;
- measures taken to prevent the spread of infection within the country;
- timely identification of infected people;
- the organization of the treatment of patients.
- now started Immunisation campaign free of charge for all citizens, as well as for diplomatic missions and foreign citizens residing in Azerbaijan.

As a result of all these measures taken in a country with a population of 10 million, we succeeded stability in firm control of infection.
Dear Colleagues!

In the fight against the global pandemic, solidarity and cooperation between countries and international organizations is especially relevant. We express our readiness to continue cooperating with international institutions and the world community.

We firmly believe in necessity for more proactive agenda to be held by WHO from pandemic point of view, derived from possible forthcoming new pandemic course, especially in terms of the subject of worldwide specialized lab set ups, vaccine production, and its fare global distribution.

We strongly believe that there is obvious necessity of political, social, scientific and legal empowerment of WHO.

I am rest assured that the valuable ideas and suggestions expressed today by the heads of delegations, heads of international organizations will contribute to our joint fight against coronavirus.

This important session is dedicated to elaborating international efforts led by WHO to fight global pandemic threatening the whole world, and this task requires genuine cooperation and joint efforts of the whole international community. Therefore, it is regretful that against this backdrop the representative of Armenia this morning has tried to hijack the focused attention of distinguished delegates and use this high rostrum for his government's narrow political interests. Despite thirty years of Armenian occupation and large-scale destruction on the liberated Azerbaijani territories, my country at the top political level has already proposed its long-term vision of restoring peace and establishing stability in the region. Now it is Armenia's turn to respond.

At the end of my speech, I want to express my confidence in the further strengthening and consolidation of our efforts in the name and for the benefit of protecting the health of people - the most valuable asset of the world civilization.

I wish you all good health, success and prosperity.