



## **STATEMENT**

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**Annual Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers  
of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)  
under the theme**

**“Partnering for accelerated implementation of the Vienna Programme of  
Action and achieving sustainable development in LLDCs in the COVID-19 Era”**

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**Excellencies,**

**Dear Participants,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am pleased to join you for the annual ministerial meeting of LLDCs.

We meet at a time of crisis and we need to step up international cooperation both to defeat the virus and to address its consequences.

At the national level, Azerbaijan adopted the Action Plan, which is considered not only as an anti-crisis response to the pandemic, but also serves multiple goals of sustainable development in the post-pandemic period. The World Health Organization (WHO) has therefore illustrated Azerbaijan as a model country in the fight against COVID-19.

To bolster the COVID response efforts across the world, Azerbaijan allocated \$ 10 million to WHO for countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Azerbaijan has put forward a number of important initiatives, including the convening of the special session of the UN General Assembly and the Summit of the Non-Alignment Movement Contact Group.

