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Statement

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refugees and IDPs in Azerbaijan. Needless to say how heavy burden this is for our economy.

However, despite the hardships of the continuing occupation, Azerbaijan has succeeded in rebuilding itself and became the leading economy in the region. The sound economic

strategy, steady course on diversification of the economy, development of its infrastructure