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Right of Reply

**exercised by Mr. Emin Aslanov, Second secretary of the Permanent Representation
of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

We have taken the floor to exercise our right of reply to the deceptive remarks made by the delegation of Armenia.

Time and again, a delegate from Armenia abused this respectful rostrum trying to mislead the international community by repeating exactly same propagandistic lies that his predecessors used to read in dozens of previous occasions.

I wonder how a delegate from the country, which has been implementing a policy of total ethnic cleansing of both its own territory and the occupied territories of Azerbaijan of all non-Armenians, can even speak about tolerance and non-discrimination.

Mr. Chair,

It is undeniable fact that, while greediness for becoming mono-ethnic country and stealing more territories from the neighbor was the driving incentive, spreading ethnic hatred, allegations about so called inter-ethnic incompatibility and other nationalistic ideas of Armenian leadership nurtured by the writings of Armenian nationalist Grigor Artsruni were major ideological means used by Armenian leadership back in 1987 to incite its people to kill and expel their longstanding ethnic Azerbaijani neighbors from their historic lands.

Unfortunately, lack of due attention and firm condemnation of the world community let the escalation grow to the war between two nations. In the course of war as a result of the large-scale hostilities more than 20 thousands Azerbaijanis were killed and over 1 million were forcibly displaced from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

It is Armenia's consistent ignorance of international law and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council that does not allow our nations to live in peace and security in their homeland.

What is even more worrisome is that, instead of preparing its people for peace, prosperous and stable future in friendship and cooperation with neighboring countries, the new leadership of Armenia continues to repeat mistakes of its predecessors and publicly incites its society to new wars, violence and aggression, and propagate by all means the dangerous ideas of enmity and hatred towards Azerbaijan.

Mr. Chair,

It is very regretful that having chosen racial superiority and hatred as its state policy, Armenia still is not facing any heavy resistance and sanctions of international mechanisms to end this 30 years old impunity detrimental for the peace and sustainable development in the region.

In conclusion, let me underline that, unlike Armenia, which has established itself as a mono-ethnic society at the expense of expelling all non-Armenian population, Azerbaijan preserves its ethnic, cultural and religious diversity. While 30.000 Armenians live in Azerbaijan, one cannot find a single Azerbaijani in Armenia.

Thank you for your attention.