

**Second right of reply
by the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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Mr. Vice-President, the irresponsible statement by the representative of Armenia obliged me to take the floor again.

The statement by this delegation demonstrates how far this country from very simple idea of bringing a sustainable peace and stability to our region.

From the other hand, what one can expect from the country like Armenia that has raised policy of terrorism, ethnic cleansing and practice of atrocities to the level of its state policy, advocates for the idea of racial incompatibility between nations.

Or what to expect from the failed state such as Armenia that established itself as a mono-ethnic society at the expense of expelling all non-Armenian population, including the indigenous Azerbaijani one.

At the same time, what to expect from Armenia that committed genocide, even before the genocides that took place in Srebrenitsa and Rwanda, when in 1992 its armed forces destroyed small Azerbaijani city of Khojaly in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and whose civilian population was exterminated just because they were Azerbaijanis. Later Armenia's then Defense Minister and current President Serzh Sarkisyan in his interview to the British journalist Thomas de Waal openly admitted that and I quote "before Khojaly, the Azerbaijanis thought that Armenians were people who could not raise their hands against the civilian population. We able to break that stereotype". This is a genuine hypocritical nature of Armenia and international community must give adequate assessment to the Khojaly atrocities. Because impunity only emboldens the perpetrators to new crimes.

Azerbaijan is the most interested party to the peaceful settlement of the conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and remains committed to the conflict settlement process. Nevertheless, Armenia should keep in its mind the right of Azerbaijan under the UN Charter, in particular those set forth in Article 51 to restore its territorial integrity and sovereignty over its whole territory.

I thank you.