



**Second right of reply by the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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Mr. President, the last statement by Armenia obliged me to take the floor again.

Contrary to our expectations from new political establishment in Armenia, Armenian statements today demonstrate that they still prefer to continue making mistakes of its predecessors and undermining peace, stability and development in our region.

It sounds even hypocritical the Armenian groundless accusations of others in committing the genocide while Armenia itself committed genocide in the small Azerbaijani city of Khojaly in the Nagorno-Karabakh region in 1992 whose civilian population, including women, children and elderly was exterminated just because they were Azerbaijanis.

Azerbaijan does still hope that wisdom will prevail in minds of the political leadership of Armenia and it will pursue a sober minded policy with a view of building peaceful relations with neighboring countries. Settlement of the conflict can contribute to ensuring sustainable peace and security in our region and establishment of comprehensive regional cooperation. It is imperative for Armenian authorities to realize that it will never deliver its promises to lift Armenian people out of poverty and improve their well-being unless it de-occupies Azerbaijani territories and abides by its obligations under the international law.

Finally, we reiterate Azerbaijan is the most interested party to the peaceful resolution of the conflict and remains committed to the substantive negotiations on the basis of existing agenda with the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group Chairs.

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 integrity and sovereignty over its whole territory.

I thank you.