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**R i g h t o f R e p l y  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Using my right of reply in response to the statement made by the delegation of Armenia, I deem it necessary to stress the following.

I would like to remind the Armenian delegate, that the UN Security Council and UN General Assembly in their numerous Resolutions on the occupation of the Azerbaijani territories by Armenia have been using the term “conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan” for almost quarter of a century as the accepted UN language for the relevant documents.

Therefore, it is this language – and not the OSCE terminology or anything else – that United Nations Special Rapporteur Michel Forst has been bound to use in his report presented to the UN Human Rights Council, which is neither a favor, nor a courtesy to this audience or to a particular UN Member State.

The selective approach preferred by Armenia in using this or that term which politically suits this country most at a particular moment in time, prompts me to remind the Armenian delegate that there are also other international organizations, which prefer to use in their official documents such expressions as “aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan”, “territories of Azerbaijan occupied by Armenia”, “withdrawal of occupying Armenian forces from the territories of Azerbaijan”, etc.

Thank you.