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Special Representative of the Secretary General  
on Children and Armed Conflict**

**Right of Reply**

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Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in  
Geneva**

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Mr. President,

I am exercising this Right of Reply with reference to the Statement delivered by the delegate of Armenia.

By enjoying the luxury of impunity the representatives of Armenian government continue to use UN Human Rights Council sessions and other high level rostrums for their groundless propagandistic statements. All these statements are nothing more than just another attempt to mislead international community.

It is a well-known fact that Azerbaijan suffers from the aggression of Armenia for almost 25 years.

Armenia pursues the path of escalation, undertakes consistent measures to consolidate the results of its occupation policy and to maintain unacceptable and unsustainable status quo, undermines efforts for the peaceful resolution of the conflict through substantive talks, illegally changes the demographic, cultural and physical character of the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, engages in economic and other activities, including transfer of Armenian population into these territories with the ultimate goal of imposing a fait accompli situation.

Armenia has conducted widespread and systematic policy of notorious ethnic cleansing and practice of atrocities in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

With regard to Armenian settlements in the frontline, there are no Armenian settlements close to the line of contact on the territories of Azerbaijan occupied by Armenian forces. There are, however, Azerbaijani civilians living in close vicinity to the line of contact who suffer daily from the ceasefire violations by Armenian units.

The principled basis for the settlement of the conflict is laid down in the UN Security Council (822, 853, 874, 884 adopted in 1993) and UN General Assembly 62/243 (2008) resolutions, which strongly condemn the use of force against Azerbaijan and occupation

of its territories, reaffirm the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and inviolability of its internationally recognized borders.

As we all know, actions speak louder than words. After being face-to face with the aggression of Armenia for 25 years we can confidently state that actions of Armenia speak the complete opposite of its words.

Thank you for your attention.