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Right of reply

exercised by Shahriyar Hajiyev, Third secretary of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

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Madam President,

We are exercising this right of reply in response to the deceptive remarks and accusations made by the delegate of Armenia in its right of reply to Azerbaijan.

Instead of abusing this platform, Armenia should listen to international community and make decisive actions for restoring the violations of international law.

The delegate of Armenia should be aware that the call by the OIC is a shared position of the international community. In this regard, the resolutions of 1993 adopted by the Security Council and the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights of 2015 should be the centre of attention. Moreover, the elements reflected in the OIC statement is only one paragraph of dozens of documents adopted by international community in various international organizations condemning aggression perpetrated by Armenia.

One of the latest resolutions adopted by the Foreign Ministers of the OIC strongly condemned the aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan. The resolution demanded the strict implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions and the immediate, unconditional and complete withdrawal of the Armenian forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied Azerbaijani territories and strongly urged Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

By the consistent denial of violations, it has committed, Armenia shows that, this country is far away from the notion of establishing peace and security in the region. Every condemnation of the aggression perpetrated by Armenia is the voice of the

more than one million Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees who demand the restoration of their fundamental human rights. It has been almost thirty years that the fundamental human rights of those IDPs, among others, the protection of property and the right to return is being violated by Armenia

The delegate of Armenia refers to the role of the OSCE Minsk Group but at the same time it is the Armenia that tries to destroy the negotiation process format within the OSCE Minsk Group dealing with the resolution of the conflict. Moreover, it is the Armenia that voices annexation of occupied territories of Azerbaijan but at the same time refers to OSCE Minsk Group, just for the sake of playing and misleading the international community. We would like to state that the latest denial of the “election show” organized by Armenia in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, by the various international organizations, yet again should be an additional remainder to Armenia for stopping its violations.

Azerbaijan will never accept the occupation of its territories. Continuing the negotiations to solve the conflict by peaceful means, at the same time, Azerbaijan retains its inherent rights under the Charter of the United Nations, as the results of the Armenian aggression continues and the territories are under military occupation of Armenia.

I thank you.