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Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner**

**Right of Reply  
exercised by Mr. Emin Aslanov, second secretary of the Permanent  
Representation of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other  
International Organizations in Geneva**

**September 11, 2018**

Mr. President,

We requested the floor to exercise our right of reply with regard to a remark made by the delegation of Australia about Azerbaijan.

First of all, I would like to underline that, the remark made by the delegation of Australia is based on false information. We do not know what is the source of the information that the delegation of Australia bases itself on, but apparently credibility of that information has not been checked.

There is not any single restriction upon social media users in Azerbaijan.

According to International Telecommunication Union's Survey on Information Society in 2016, 77 percent of the population in Azerbaijan is Internet user. In a country with only 10 mln population, there are 3 mln users of social networks.

I have more detailed information with official figures here with me, if the delegation is indeed interested in having credible information about Azerbaijan, they can approach us to take it.

Thank you.