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**Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur  
on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**

**Right of reply  
exercised by Ms. Marziyya Vakilova-Mardaliyeva, First Secretary of the Permanent  
Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International  
Organizations in Geneva**

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Thank you, Madame Vice-President,

I am taking the floor to exercise the right of reply to the remarks made by one NGO earlier today in reference to my country during the Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

First of all, I would like to underline that allegations made by this NGO seem to be obviously based on false basis. We do not know what sources of information this NGO was using, but apparently the credibility of these allegations has not been checked in advance.

We would like to recommend to this NGO first to check the reliability of the dubious sources it is using, and the authenticity of the so-called information provided by them which cannot be independently verified, and secondly, for the sake of objectivity and pluralism to acquire the alternative information to have a full picture of the issue before rushing to a microphone in the meetings of the United Nations.

If this NGO is really interested in having credible information about Azerbaijan, it should also refer to the official information as well, by approaching the diplomatic mission of this country in Geneva or by reading the official information on government's internet sites. However, it seems to me that the real intention of this NGO is different from the declared one.

I thank you.