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**Clustered Interactive Dialogue with
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,

It is very regrettable that the Armenian side considers “the exercise of the right to self-determination” as the illegal use of force against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country. The principle of self-determination also provides for the participation of peoples in the governance of their States. In this context, the inhabitants of Nagorno-Karabakh are entitled to the full benefit of international human rights provisions, including the right to self-determination within the boundaries of the Republic of Azerbaijan and as part of its population, which is the primary subject to the right to self-determination under international law.

Mr. President,

It is curious that Armenia, the county that bears primary responsibility for unleashing the policy of aggression against Azerbaijan and committing the most grave crimes of international concern has the insolence to speak about peace, human rights, as well as to blame the victim of aggression – Azerbaijan.

Thank you for your attention.