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**Interactive dialogue with the Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights on the
report of the Secretary-General**

Second right of reply

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Mr. Vice-president,

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The last irresponsible statement by Armenia obliged me to take the floor again.

Armenia is the last country to talk about human rights while having practiced ethnic cleansing and continuing to pursue the policy of aggression, hostility, hatred and violating the fundamental rights of Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs. It is Armenia that has implemented a policy of total ethnic cleansing of both its own territory and the occupied territories of Azerbaijan of all non-Armenians and thus succeeded in creating a uniquely mono-ethnic culture in those areas.

We have already stated during this session and can again remind Armenia that on September 27, 2020, in response to the new act of aggression by the Republic of Armenia, the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan carried out counter-offensive measures to protect its population and to ensure territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders within its right of self-defense under the Article 51 of UN Charter.

These days Armenian armed forces are continuing shelling the civilian infrastructures in Azerbaijan which results in casualties among civilians. The entire Azerbaijani family including small children was killed due to the heavy artillery shelling by Armenia.

Azerbaijani IDPs who fled violence & suffered displacement as a result of Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan in 90s, again faced aggression, some being killed and injured during horrific targeted shelling by Armenia of Azerbaijani IDP settlement in Terter.

It is the silence of international community and impunity enjoyed by Armenia that encourages this country for further military adventures. Armenia's continuous disrespect to international law and the UN Charter, as well as its reckless policy of military expansion at the expense of Azerbaijani territories must be strongly condemned by UN Member States.

Armenia bears full and sole responsibility for such provocative military actions that further aggravate the situation in the region, and if not ceased Armenia's attacks would ultimately trigger the counter actions of Azerbaijan in self-defense in full compliance with the UN Charter.

Azerbaijan reiterates, that the military occupation of the territory of Azerbaijan does not present a solution and will never produce a political outcome desired by Armenia.

Thank you.