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on the rights of persons with disabilities**

**Right of reply
exercised by Ms. Marziyya Vakilova-Mardaliyeva,
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to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Madame President,

I am exercising this right of reply to the statement made by the delegation of Armenia.

Armenia bears full responsibility for all war crimes and crimes against humanity it has committed during its another act of aggression against Azerbaijan launched in September-November 2020, accompanied by the systematic, deliberate and indiscriminate attacks with the use of ballistic missiles and banned cluster munitions to the densely populated residential areas in Azerbaijan situated both in close vicinity and far beyond the active military scene. As a result of these attacks, 101 Azerbaijani civilians, including person with disability were killed, 423 civilians were wounded or disabled, almost 84,000 people were forced to leave their homes and 5000 civilian objects were either destroyed or damaged. All above-mentioned facts have been well documented by the international media outlets and NGOs like Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

Contrary to its obligations under the customary international law and international humanitarian law, Armenia also refuses to release maps of minefields it had planted during the occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan and in particular on the eve of the withdrawal of its military from Azerbaijan that has already led to the death and serious injuries among Azerbaijani civilians since the end of hostilities in line with the trilateral Statement of 10 November 2020 on cessation of hostilities. This situation continues causing serious threats to lives and safety of Azerbaijani population and affects the realization of the inalienable right of the displaced Azerbaijani population to return to their places of origin in safety and dignity.

Armenia has also resorted to other destabilizing actions aimed at undermining the emerging perspectives of regional peace and security such as the deployment of a sabotage group into the territories of Azerbaijan in the aftermath following signing of the Trilateral Statement. As a result of the terrorist attacks committed by this sabotage group, four Azerbaijani military servicemen were killed and one civilian seriously injured. It sounds cynical the tireless appeals by Armenia to release those terrorists captured later by the competent authorities of Azerbaijan.

Madame President,

The responsibility of Armenia for its crimes committed against Azerbaijan is established under the customary international law and involves legal consequences manifested in the obligation to provide full reparation for injury. Azerbaijan is determined to take all measures stemming from its rights under relevant bilateral and multilateral mechanisms to bring the perpetrators of those crimes to justice.

I thank you.