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violence against children**

Right of Reply

**expressed by Mr. Kamran Seyfullayev, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of
the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in
Geneva**

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Mr. Vice-President,

I took the floor to express our right of reply in response to the right of reply of Armenia.

The representatives of the state which is responsible for the gravest violations of humanitarian law, being lecturing here on humanity is totally unacceptable, just like the fabricated information and baseless accusations made by them.

It is because of the Armenian aggression and occupation that more than 1 million Azerbaijanis were forced to flee their homes and lands. It is because of long-standing policy of ethnic hatred against Azerbaijanis being pursued by Armenia, that hundreds of civilian Azerbaijanis, including children and women were brutally killed or taken hostage by armed forces of Armenia at the early stage of the conflict.

The same reasons stand for the innumerable acts of aggression perpetrated by Armenia against Azerbaijanis throughout the occupation period of almost 30 years, targeting civilian population living close to the former line of contact.

During the latest aggression of Armenia starting from September 2020, attacks deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure in Ganja, Bərdə, Tar-tar and other cities of Azerbaijan located far beyond the conflict area have openly shown the real intentions of Armenia that have nothing to do with the rights of Armenians living in Azerbaijan. These intentions had in numerous occasions been clearly stated by political-military leadership of Armenia: spreading terror and occupying territories.

In conclusion, it would be much better for Armenia instead of attempting to present misleading propaganda, to accept new realities emerged in the region with the trilateral Statement of 10 November 2020 and to engage in peacebuilding process in good faith, stepping away from its illegal claims that besides being contrary to international law, also undermines the regional peace and stability. The reality is that Azerbaijan has restored its territorial integrity and sovereignty over its internationally recognized territories in strict compliance with its obligations under international humanitarian law.

I thank you.