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**General Debate**

**Agenda Item 4: Human rights situations that require the Council's attention**

**Second Right of Reply  
delivered by Mr. Seymur Mardaliyev,  
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to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Madam Vice-President,

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

This statement as well as the military aggression Armenia launched yesterday is continuation of the renewed aggressive policy on the part of the Armenian leadership towards Azerbaijan.

Armenia is a last country that could preach about human rights as it is exactly due to the Armenia's policy of aggression, occupation and ethnic cleansing Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs suffer from violation of their fundamental rights for almost 30 years. It is Armenia that advocates for the idea of racial incompatibility between nations and established itself as a mono-ethnic society at the expense of expelling all non-Armenian population, including the indigenous Azerbaijani one. We call on this Council not to turn its blind eye to the ongoing massive violations of human rights on the pretext of democracy, politically motivated arrests of opposition, and emergence of new dictatorship regime in Armenia.

"Azerbaijanophobia" is raised to the level of state policy in Armenia. The National Security Strategy of Armenia contains racist, chauvinistic and "Azerbaijanophobic" ideas. During and in aftermath of the Armenian military provocation this July, the internet and social media was extensively abused to disseminate hatred and intimidation, including open death threats against Azerbaijanis along with the violent attacks by the members of Armenian ultra-national extremist groups against Azerbaijani diplomatic missions and members of the Azerbaijan community in some European capitals and the United States.

The military actions and illegal activities that Armenia has recently intensified in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan is accompanied with the statements by the Armenian officials that Armenia "will not return" or even "is not holding negotiations to return any territory to Azerbaijan" which has now been reflected in the recently unveiled National Security Strategy of Armenia that defines the strategic goal of Armenia in the negotiation process as to "safeguard the outcomes of war". The Armenian minister of defence, in his turn, threatens Azerbaijan with so-called "new war for new territories" statements. Exactly in line with this aggressive rhetoric, yesterday Armenia launched another act of military aggression against Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan urges the international community to condemn strongly Armenia's policy of aggression and occupation carried out against Azerbaijan and to express its solidarity with Azerbaijan in its just struggle to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and protect its population.

In conclusion, Azerbaijan reiterates that the conflict must be resolved only on the basis of Azerbaijan's territorial integrity in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions of 1993 that demand immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian forces from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and return of the Azerbaijani displaced population to their homes in safety and with dignity.

Nagorno-Karabakh is the integral part of Azerbaijan and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan recognized by the whole international community will be restored.

I thank you.