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Second Right of Reply

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to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Mr. Vice-President,

We are exercising our second right of reply in response to the right of reply of the delegation of Armenia.

Seizing the opportunity, I would like to continue that during the armed hostilities, the deadliest single case of attack was carried out by Armenia against the Qaşaltı village of Naftalan on 27 September 2020 at about 5 p.m. One of the artillery fires against the civilian objects within the village, hit the house of the Qurbanov family causing the death of 5 members of this family. Nadir Qurbanov's elderly father and mother, his wife, his 14 years old niece girl and his 13 years old son have been killed by Armenia.

We categorically reject the accusations presented by Armenia. As a response to illusory, fictitious and fabricated information presented by the delegation of Armenia, we would like to speak within the context and provide the following information.

The recent aggression of Armenia has caused new displacement of more than 15,000 children, since the deliberate and systematic attacks of Armenia, as openly admitted by its military leadership, with a view to spread terror among the population of Azerbaijan, resulted in severe damage to infrastructure and livelihood far beyond the conflict area. Indiscriminate shelling of Azerbaijani towns far beyond war zone, resulted in destruction of 54 schools, with more than thousand educational facilities suspending their operation, thereby negatively affecting right to education of more than 300,000 school children in Azerbaijan.

Most importantly, during 30 years of its occupation, Armenia has destroyed tens of thousands of public and private properties, including more than 600 schools and kindergartens in the territories of Azerbaijan. However, Azerbaijan has embarked wide-range post-conflict rehabilitation, reconstruction and reintegration plans to eliminate the consequences of military occupation of

Armenia, paving the way for safe and dignified return of thousands displaced population into their homes and properties.

I thank you.