



**Statement by the Delegation of Azerbaijan
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Right of reply

We wish to exercise our right of reply in connection with the statement made by the delegate of Armenia.

Deploying a monitoring mission to the line of contact between Armenian and Azerbaijani troops is rather dangerous since safety and security of the mission is not guaranteed **as Armenia violates ceasefire on a daily basis.**

Moreover, **Armenia frequently resorts to armed provocations**, one of which took place in early April this year when Armenia conducted large-scale attacks against the civilian population of Azerbaijan.

Furthermore, in October 2015, at the very moment a ceasefire monitoring exercise was conducted by the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office and his field officers on the line of contact, **repeated gunfire was shot from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan controlled by Armenia's armed forces**, despite prior agreement to undertake measures to ensure safety of the OSCE personnel. Azerbaijan shares the assessment of the Co-Chairs that this incident represents a deliberate attempt to undermine efforts towards a settlement.

We indeed remain open for proposals for the peaceful resolution of the conflict only and only on the basis of the **sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan** as well as resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 adopted by the United Nations Security Council.

And finally, neither Azerbaijani citizens nor individuals of Azerbaijani origin need any instruction by the Government or any other establishment whatsoever to speak out about **occupation by Armenia of Azerbaijani territories** as well as one million **refugees and IDPs** emerged as a result of the Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan.