

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting  
Working session 15: Fundamental freedoms II, including freedom of movement  
Right of reply by Azerbaijan  
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Madame Moderator,

We would like to exercise our right of reply with regard to the statement of Armenia.

First of all, concerning the jurisdiction issue I would remind Armenian delegation that Azerbaijan entered United Nations in 1992, as well as other international organizations with Nagorno Karabakh region being a part of it. Furthermore, while responding to our comments Armenian delegate omitted to mention that armed forces of Armenia occupied and keep under their military control not only Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, but also adjacent territories, which constitute 7 districts of Azerbaijan.

Concerning the blacklisted persons we would also like to inform this session that a number of blacklisted persons have already approached the Azerbaijani side and expressed their apology and regret over their actions and admitted to be lured into visiting the occupied territories of Azerbaijan by Armenian authorities without having proper knowledge of the real situation on the ground. Consequently, the names of such persons have been removed from the list of undesirable persons.

I guess I would stop here as we do not see any substantive point in prolonging these senseless discussions. In fact, this meaningless exchange of hostile rhetoric was not even initiated by us.

I thank you for your attention.