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Right of Reply by the Delegation of Armenia

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Mr. Moderator,

We took note that Azerbaijani delegation did not reject our allegations on concrete cases of atrocities put forward by my delegation including killing and mutilating elderly persons of Khalapyan family but instead tried to come up with counter-accusations.

We understand why. Atrocities made by Azerbaijani servicemen are well-documented by Azerbaijanis themselves who distributed in social networks their pictures standing next to mutilated bodies. One of so called "heroes" posing with chopped head of NK servicemen Kyaram Sloyan even got awarded by Azerbaijani President himself and took another picture this time with his commander-in-chief.

We also understand that killing of Armenians is not a crime but tribulation in Azerbaijan and the case of pardon and glorification Ramil Safarov is well known here. But elsewhere in the civilized world including Nagorno-Karabakh it is a crime and that's why Shahbaz Guliev and Dilham Askerov will continue to serve justice there and what was possible in the case of Ramil Safarov will not be possible here.

As far as Azerbaijani counteraccusations are concerned, it should be mentioned that they appeared only after five days of the exchange of bodies and circulation of NK information on mutilation of deceased bodies made by Azerbaijani side.

This certainly indicates false nature of these counter-accusations.

Thank you.