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*As delivered by Ambassador Fuad Ismayilov
in reply to the Armenian delegation*

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of Armenia tries to mislead the OSCE community. In response to its statement I have to point out the following:

The United Nations is the appropriate place to raise the issue of Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict since the Security Council and General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions, which are the most authoritative rulings on this matter.

In this regard, Azerbaijan had all rights in initiating the resolution A/RES/62/243 of 2008 under the agenda item of the General Assembly entitled “The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan”. The resolution supports the mediation efforts carried out on the basis of norms and principles of international law.

It is ridiculous that Armenia blames Azerbaijan for misinterpretation of the essence of the conflict. By disregarding the resolutions of the principal organs of the United Nations, which have primary responsibility for maintenance of international peace and security, Armenia clearly demonstrates who is doing so.

Also, the international law leaves no room for speculations and wrong interpretation as to the principle of self-determination.

By accepting the proposals recently put forward by Minsk Co-Chairs Azerbaijan has demonstrated once again whose position in the conflict settlement process is constructive. In this situation, the ball is on Armenian side.