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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE OSCE

Second Right of Reply
as delivered by Mr. Arman Hovhannisyan, Deputy Permanent Representative
of Armenia, at the 1259th Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
February 13, 2020

Mr. Chairman,

I do not know how to call the statement of the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to best describe it, so I would refrain from doing that.

However, let me comment on certain remarks made by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan.

First, now that the Government of Azerbaijan has somehow recalled that it has Armenian citizens, it would have been better if they remembered about them before resorting to violence, attacking and killing them. The train has left the station. Azerbaijan has exhausted its credit of trust. There is no way that Azerbaijan can govern the people of Artsakh.

My second comment is on the remark of the Azerbaijani Ambassador regarding benefiting from this situation. Yes, it is true. Nobody is benefiting from this situation. But first and foremost, it is not about benefits, it is about existence. We can speak about the benefits, only after we have settled the issue of the very existence and security of the people of Nagorno Karabakh.

And my third point is about the right to vote. What about the Armenian refugees from Azerbaijan, including Sumgait, Baku, Kirovabad...? They are no longer entitled to vote in Azerbaijan, and I assume that they would not want to vote anymore in that country. So, when talking about the conflict, one should not forget about its root causes.

But today we are discussing the elections in Azerbaijan and not the conflict.