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Right of Reply by Delegation of Armenia
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Mr. Moderator,

My delegation would like to address the remarks concerning the judicial system of Armenia. We heard different view and assessments coming from the Armenian representatives of the Civil Society.

Indeed, this is a complex issue. And I am particularly delighted that this issue is also raised by the distinguished former Minister of Justice who has an in depth knowledge and understanding on deficiencies of judicial system which the New Government of Armenia is trying to address.

The Government that was formed after the Non-Violent, Velvet Revolution proclaimed the rehabilitation of judicial system and the fight against corruption as its priority, due to the fact that over two decades the deficit of justice, lack of trust and the level of systemic and political corruption were the key factors for the upheaval and justified demand for the changes by the Armenian people in spring of 2018.

Finally, I would like particularly to emphasize, the strong political will of the current Government in attaining genuinely independent and impartial judicial system in Armenia.

Thank you.