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## ԵԱՀԿ-ՈՒՄ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՀԱՆՐԱՊԵՏՈՒԹՅԱՆ ՄՇՏԱԿԱՆ ՆԵՐԿԱՅԱՑՈՒՑՉՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE OSCE

Right of Reply by the Delegation of Armenia in response to the Delegation of Azerbaijan at the 1391 meeting of the Permanent Council

Mr Chairman,

The Delegation of Armenia categorically rejects all the claims, lies, deceptions and insinuations just expressed by the representative of the Azerbaijani delegation, who is, apparently, acting in accordance with the principle "if you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it".

The Government of Armenia has clearly declared its policy of opening an era of peace in the region and has been taking consistent steps in this direction, however in order to achieve this goal, it is necessary for Azerbaijan to abandon and denounce its policy of resolving disputes by the use of force.

Armenia has repeatedly reaffirmed its readiness to normalize relations with Azerbaijan on the basis of the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and with the mediation of the Minsk Group co-chairmanship, but the reason for Azerbaijan's continued attacks against Armenia is the latter's aggressive policy. Normalization of the illegal use of force in 2020 only paved the way for the further destabilization of the region by Azerbaijan, and with its recent aggressive actions, this country is trying to achieve its aggressive and expansionist goals in the region through the use or threat of force.

Nevertheless, despite the recent provocative and aggressive actions of Azerbaijan, the Armenian Foreign Minister confirmed his readiness to meet with his Azerbaijani counterpart on October 2, as previously planned.

Thank you.