

Right of Reply by the Delegation of the Republic of Armenia**Working session 9: Humanitarian issues and other commitments, including:**

- **Combating trafficking in human beings**
- **Refugees and displaced persons**
- **Persons at risk of displacement**

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Mr. Moderator,

Today I've already had an opportunity to introduce the historical sequence of atrocities committed by Azerbaijan against Armenians and the consequences of those genocidal acts, which resulted in more than 400 thousand of Armenians expelled from Azerbaijan and war in Nagorno Karabakh. Today as well people in Nagorno Karabakh are exposed to the threat of their physical extermination. Armenia remains the only guarantor of safety and security of the people of Nagorno Karabakh, which Azerbaijan has neither legal, nor moral right to claim over.

With regard to the number of internally displaced persons in Azerbaijan, I would like to reiterate that Armenia had received more refugees per capita than Azerbaijan. But Armenia has never build camps for refugees and created conditions to enable their integration, despite the hard economic situation. If we believe the official statistics of Azerbaijan, the number of displaced population there has been constantly growing, which demonstrates that more than 25 years the rights of those people have been violated, including the right to their integration. But it is also very likely that the methodology used by Azerbaijan for the assessment of the number of its displaced population constitutes another deplorable attempt to mislead the international community, thus manipulating the issue for the political purposes.

Thank you.