



***Right of reply by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan***  
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It is not surprising that while replying to the NGO from Azerbaijan, the delegation of Armenia uses the opportunity to attack the government of Azerbaijan once again.

Azerbaijan is a sovereign state; the President of Azerbaijan was elected lawfully by the will of the Azerbaijani people, in accordance to the Constitution of Azerbaijan. Therefore, the statement of the Armenian delegate does not reflect the truth.

Armenia itself has poor track record of good governance, protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Armenia is the last country to lecture on rule of law or democracy since it has been using aggressive occupation policy against Azerbaijan for more than 25 years.

Armenia occupied territory of sovereign Azerbaijan, violated its territorial integrity, expelled local Azerbaijani population from the Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding districts, making more than one million people refugees and IDPs, destroyed everything in the occupied lands, including historical, religious, cultural monuments and all the infrastructure. The relevant four resolutions of the UN Security Council demanding unconditional and immediate withdrawal of the occupant Armenian forces from Azerbaijan's territories, have not been fulfilled by Armenia.