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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE OSCE

Right of Reply

**as delivered by Mr. Arman Hovhannisyan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Armenia, at the 1273rd Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
2 July 2020**

Mr. Chairman,

I will be extremely brief. In response to the comments made by the representative of Azerbaijan, let me remind that we are not discussing the issue of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. On numerous occasions, the position of my Delegation, together with the well substantiated legal aspects of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict has been distributed. Let me briefly state that the Nagorno Karabakh Republic gained its independence within the same legal framework as did Azerbaijan.

Regarding the issue of the exchange of journalists, I have to again disappoint the colleague from Azerbaijan. Despite the wishful thinking of Azerbaijan, the reality is that the exchange of journalists did take place, including to and from Republic of Artsakh.

Thank you.