



***Right of reply by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan***

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We value HDIM as it was originally designed to provide a platform for participating States and civil society to engage in dialogue with a view to improving implementation of relevant OSCE commitments. We want the HDIM to achieve this objective. We are in favour of having effective dialogue on implementation of our shared commitments in non-politicized, result-oriented manner.

We regret that in the statement delivered by the EU representative there were unfounded accusations and allegations, demonstrating lack of knowledge of the real situation in Azerbaijan. Double standards and selective approach of the EU Delegation in its assessment of political developments in the region, question the objectivity of its expressed views.