

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

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Mr. Moderator,

In reply to the remark made by the US Delegation I wish to say that Adnan Hacizade and Emin Abdullayev were arrested on the charge of committing hooliganism and injuring persons. They are not arrested as bloggers, but as the persons committed concrete crimes.

In Azerbaijan there are many representatives of civil society, media, bloggers acting freely and expressing their critical views on various topics and issues.

That is why we invite to consider the mentioned cases in judicial-legal, not-politicized context.

Thank you.