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**Right of Reply by the Delegation of Armenia
to the Delegation of Azerbaijan
at the 1043rd Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation
Security Dialogue “Black Sea Region – Security Horizons”**

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Madame Chairperson,

Today we have witnessed Azerbaijan's yet another attempt to abuse this Forum for promoting its maximalist positions, in particular, the narrative of the so-called “Zangezur corridor”, which is part of Azerbaijan's aggressive policy against sovereignty and territorial integrity of Armenia, and entails unsubstantiated demand for extraterritorial corridor through the sovereign territory of Armenia. This is a fake agenda which does not correspond to the provisions of the trilateral statements of November 9, 2020 and January 11, 2021. This fact was acknowledged also by the president of Azerbaijan, who stated that it was himself who introduced the term of so-called “Zangezur Corridor” to the international agenda, and threatened to establish it sooner or later, regardless of Armenia's consent.

Dear colleagues,

I would like to reiterate the clear position of Armenia with regard to opening regional communications: Armenia reaffirms its commitment to work constructively on the unblocking of all regional transport and economic communications within the framework of the agreements which entail preservation of the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the countries the roads are passing through. We rule out any extraterritorial corridor on the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

We once again urge the Azerbaijani delegation to refrain from the attempts to abuse this Forum for promoting unrelated topics and issues and to cease attempts of spreading fake narratives against sovereignty and territorial integrity of Armenia. We condemn these actions of Azerbaijan which, among others, are aimed at misleading the international community and justifying the territorial claims and the use of force against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

We reiterate our call on Azerbaijan to constructively and genuinely engage into peaceful dialogue and negotiations with Armenia to find mutually acceptable solutions to all the existing issues, including those related to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which would contribute to the establishment of lasting peace and stability in the South Caucasus region and beyond.

Thank you.