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Right of Reply
by the Delegation of Armenia
in response to the Delegation of Azerbaijan
at the 1390th meeting of the Permanent Council
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Mr Chairman,

The representative of Azerbaijan tries very hard to come up with excuses and justifications for his country's aggressive actions and behaviour. But make no mistake: there is no justification for such aggressive actions, especially under international law. All the talk and fabricated arguments about the so-called "Armenian provocations", "occupation" or "Azerbaijan's right to self-defense" and "counter measures" are just attempts to justify their actions. The truth is that there was no attacks or provocations by Armenia. Similarly, claims about planting of mines or Armenian subversive groups are absolute lies and nonsense, both from a political and military point of view, and have nothing to do with reality.

The Azerbaijani representatives are talking about some kind of "wrong sequence" that preceded their attack on the sovereign territory of Armenia. In an attempt to shift the blame on Armenia, they referred to one Note Verbale in which Armenia expressed concern about the accumulation of heavy weapons along its borders and tried to present this as an "irrefutable fact" to support their insinuations. Such absurd claims can be

considered viable or sensible only in Azerbaijan - a country, which has elevated falsification and lies to the rank of state policy and made them an integral part of its diplomatic efforts.

To further support their assertion, they give out another portion of blatant lies about the impossibility of convening an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council at such short notice. I am sure no one in this room, including the delegate of Azerbaijan, believes in this nonsense.

That is, the Azerbaijani side considers the convening of an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council on 15 September, on the basis of a Letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the President of the Security Council submitted on 13 September 2022, as something impossible. Just recall that Azerbaijan attacked the sovereign territory of Armenia five minutes after midnight on 13 September.

And, finally, it is quite symptomatic that Azerbaijan can only rely on its tactics of hushing up the facts by making unnecessarily long statements which, of course, have no factual basis, but are long enough to cause fatigue and indifference.

Thank you.