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Right of Reply by the Delegation of Armenia

As delivered by

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Madam Moderator,

My delegation would like to exercise its right of reply to address accusations aired here by Tursam organization which speaks here overtly in the name of the Azerbaijani Government.

We firmly reject those protracted accusations without going into any detail since we have done it on number of occasions when those accusations were put forward by the official representatives of Azerbaijan for the last twenty years.

The Tursam is certainly a highlight of this HDIM as a NGO which eulogizes father and son Aliyevs with a zeal that is surprising even for an official propaganda of a hereditary regime.

We recall that the same NGO voiced out here a quotation from Mr. Heydar Aliyev saying that democracy is not an apple that one can buy and make it happen.

We will suggest to look at this quotation from slightly different angle: Civil society is not an apple that one can buy and make it happen.

Thank you