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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation did not have any intention to participate in the debates on the human rights situation in Azerbaijan. But since Armenia has been wrongfully accused by the distinguished Azerbaijani delegation in undermining human rights situation in Azerbaijan, we are compelled to make the following comments.

My delegation regrets that Azerbaijan is trying to directly link its human rights record with the Nagorno-Karabakh settlement, a part of which is the issue of the Armenian and Azerbaijani refugees.

Azerbaijan has ample grounds to improve human rights situation under its jurisdiction. Azerbaijan joined international human rights instruments and took OSCE human rights commitments under its jurisdiction and hence it is bound to address those obligations and commitments in good faith vis-à-vis other partner countries. Instead of doing this, Azerbaijan pinpoints Armenia thus making a trick which is not fair.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.