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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT

**In response to the Delegation of Azerbaijan
as delivered by the Delegation of the Republic of Armenia at the 1023th Plenary
Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation**

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Distinguished colleagues,

I apologise for taking the floor for the second time and for prolonging this debate, however the false allegations and arbitrary interpretation of the reality, compelled me to exercise my right of reply.

As for the facts, regarding the heinous crimes perpetrated by the Azerbaijani armed forces towards female service members of Armenia during its recent aggression, I would recommend my Azerbaijani colleague to get acquainted to the Special Report of the Human rights defender of Armenia, which as I have mentioned, has already been distributed.

The representative of the Azerbaijani delegation exerted efforts to portray its country as a peace-seeking and constructive state, however the realities on the ground prove the contrary: continuous illegal detention of Armenian POWs and civilian captives, intimidation of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh, occupation of more than 50 square km of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia, are clear evidence of Azerbaijan's intentions to undermine the peace process and to continue the tactic of creeping occupation and the seizure of more territories of the Republic of Armenia.

Azerbaijan must abandon its policy of constant military provocations, arbitrary interpretations and avoidance to implement the reached agreements as well as other actions aimed at undermining the peace process and full ethnic cleansing of Nagorno-Karabakh.

As a responsible member of the international community, Armenia rejects the approach of resolving issues through the use of force and the threat of use of force, and we reaffirm our commitment to establish peace and stability in the region through peaceful negotiations, including on comprehensive settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict within the mandate of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-chairmanship.

Thank you.