



Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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*second intervention on illegal “referendum”
in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan*

Mr. Chairperson,

Armenia’s provocative actions is a serious blow to the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairing countries to find a soonest resolution to the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict. Azerbaijan expresses its gratitude to the co-chairing countries and the Delegations of Turkey, Georgia and Ukraine for rejecting above-mentioned illegal actions of Armenia, which could seriously jeopardize the conflict settlement perspectives, and for voicing their principled position not recognizing as legitimate the situation created through use of force against territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

It is important to note that relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council adopted in 1993, including in response to claims by the Armenian community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, which had unilaterally declared their so-called “independence”. Consequently, the Security Council made it absolutely clear that the unilateral declaration of independence in a given situation had produced no legal effect whatsoever; that the Armenian actions are unlawful and incompatible with the prohibition of the use of armed force in international relations in contradiction with the UN Charter and its purposes; that they constitute an obvious violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and, specifically, of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.