



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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in response to the Delegation of Armenia

Mr. Chairperson,

I do not want to prolong this exercise of accusations, because my intention was not to do that. I regret that in the statement of the distinguished Ambassador of Armenia, I failed to find any reasonable argument in favor of seating at a table and engaging in a dialogue.

We are fed up with this accusation for the last 20 years. Put forward an initiative and we will discuss it. I would request the distinguished Ambassador of Armenia to name, what he referred that Armenia puts forward initiatives in all three dimensions and Azerbaijan is blocking it. Name me one at least, which you have done over the last 20 years and Azerbaijan was not ready to discuss it or was not ready to consider it. Over the last 5 years which I am here in the OSCE we have put a number of initiatives with every Chairmanship sitting in front of this hall. I could provide you with at least a dozens of such initiatives and distinguished Co-Chair of OSCE is also aware of them.

But it is enough for you to enjoy and entertain yourself with these accusations. Put forward an initiative and we will seat and discuss it. But if you cannot do that I think your attempts to mislead this august forum are futile. You will not be able to resolve the conflict with your accusations. The situation on the ground is changing and we suggest you to seize the last chance to peacefully solve the conflict. If you wish to have a peace with Azerbaijan, you have to propose initiatives; you have to stick to the common ground which is an international law. The peace cannot be based on nothing, but international law and international law in this house calls for respect for territorial integrity, as a major principle in interstate relations. Self-determination is applicable to both Azerbaijan and Armenia. We cannot self-determine ourselves, because you violate our right to self-determine in 20% of the occupied territories.

You say people of Nagorno-Karabakh, I wonder if you imply those 60.000 of Azerbaijani community dispelled, ethnically cleansed by your Government from Nagorno-Karabakh. If you imply them, then return them to Nagorno-Karabakh, let them be equal as the Armenian community of Nagorno-

Karabakh and engage in discussions of their joint future in our region. But you do not allow this to happen. You are not allowing them even to meet, can you imagine that?

I encourage you to be more constructive and at least voice some proposals for this body.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.