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Right of Reply

Mr. Chairman,

I will try to be extremely brief. Just few short points on what was said by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan. Today, it is one of those rare occasions when Armenian Ambassador would agree with the Ambassador of Azerbaijan on two points. First, I totally agree with his assessment regarding the tweet posted by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Bern. Indeed, it was a silly and stupid tweet. Secondly, and again, it is not common, but I also would have to agree that we have to prepare our populations for peace.

As to the other points made by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan, we have to acknowledge that it is quite unusual to receive any kind of criticism from the representative of Azerbaijan, especially one related to living in peace and harmony. I have just read few statements of the President of Azerbaijan claiming that Armenians all over the world are their number one enemy. Obviously, there is a clear miscommunication between Vienna and Baku. But I fully support him that we have to prepare our populations for peace.

For the rest, let me remind, that the issue raised by the Delegation of Armenia is about hate propaganda and hate crimes supported at the state level by Azerbaijan. My delegation presented ample of evidence confirming those claims, including the above-mentioned silly tweet from Bern. But what we got in response was mental acrobatics about everything and nothing.

Thank you.