

**Statement by Mr. Tofiq F. Musayev, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations, in the exercise of the second right of reply**

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Evidently, the statements and comments made by the delegate of Armenia represent yet another striking example of utter falsehood and a clear abuse of the U.N. rostrum and democratic procedures for discussing issues on its agenda.

The level of fabrications and manipulations at the State level in Armenia reached such a scale that even social networks had to take down the accounts linked to the Government of Armenia to prevent the dissemination of fake news and false narratives. Thus, in February 2021, Twitter released a press release, stating the following:

“Under our platform manipulation policy, we investigated and removed 35 accounts that had ties to the Government of Armenia. These accounts were created in order to advance narratives that were targeting Azerbaijan and were geostrategically favourable to the Armenian Government. In some cases, the fake accounts purported to represent government and political figures in Azerbaijan, as well as news entities claiming to operate in Azerbaijan. The accounts engaged in spammy activity to gain followers and further amplify this narrative.”

As Armenia continues to disseminate falsehoods and stir up enmity, it is important that the international community remembers and insists on accountability for the war that Armenia unleashed, the tens of thousands of civilians whom it killed, thousands of cities, towns and villages that it razed to the ground and the suffering it inflicted on the people of my country with the sole purpose of fulfilling its unlawful territorial claims based on fabricated historical narratives and racial prejudices.

As far as Armenia itself is concerned, it definitely must come to terms with her glaring misdeeds, learn lessons and realize that the objectives of durable and lasting peace, if she is genuinely interested in it, can in no way be achieved through insults and hatred towards neighbouring States and peoples and contempt for their legitimate rights to live on their own homeland.