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## Statement by Mr. Tofig F. Musayev Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations

## in the exercise of the right of reply to the statement of the delegation of Armenia at the general debate of the 2023 session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

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I have asked for the floor to exercise the right of reply in connection with the statement made by the delegate of Armenia.

The means and methods of disinformation evidenced in that statement differ little from those that Armenia has relied on in futile attempts to whitewash its own glaring misdeeds and mass atrocities committed during nearly 30 years of aggression against my country.

Vile fabrications and contradictory statements can in no way be a source of proof of imaginary acts and their consequences, which Armenia unsuccessfully tries to attribute to Azerbaijan.

On a specific point, what the delegate of Armenia called "Nagorno-Karabakh" is an internationally recognized integral sovereign part of Azerbaijan, which was under Armenia's unlawful occupation for nearly three decades. The legal name of this area is the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

Armenia's continued use of various fabricated titles to refer to the localities within Azerbaijan is indicative of its attempts to sabotage the previously agreed principles and commitments, including in particular those relating to mutual respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Armenia must understand that the goal of a peaceful, safe, developing and sustainable region cannot be achieved by disrespecting international law, endlessly replicating false narratives and pursuing the policy of hatred and territorial claims.