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**Statement by Armenia**

The report of Azerbaijan contains unfounded and baseless accusations against Armenia. Spreading lies and falsifications are ordinary for Azerbaijan. The Nagorno Karabakh conflict and its consequences are the result of Azerbaijan's policy of aggression. Azerbaijan in response to the peaceful expression of the right of self-determination of people of Nagorno Karabakh and declaration of independence of Nagorno Karabakh Republic organized barbarian pogroms and massacres of Armenian population, unleashed full-scale war against Nagorno Karabakh, has been defeated in this war, asked Nagorno Karabakh authorities for the ceasefire and signed the agreement with them, factually recognizing Nagorno Karabakh Republic as a sovereign state. The documents concerning the negotiations process, which prove that the information reflected in the report is false, are attached to this statement.

Armenia is deeply concerned about the degradation and deterioration of human rights situation in Azerbaijan after the adoption of its first UPR report.

**Armenia recommends Azerbaijan**

1. To fully respect the article 1 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to end its policy of hostility and aggression against Nagorno Karabakh.
2. To take steps for combating impunity, enacting justice and ensuring rule of law in Azerbaijan, particularly to examine the conformity of the act of pardon of cruel murderer Ramil Safarov with the national legislation and international obligations of Azerbaijan as an act that encourages murder on ethnic base, particularly killing Armenians inside the country and abroad.

3. To ensure the freedom of expression, including by creation of conditions for expressing the opinion different from the official Government position and for realization of the right to know the truth.

4. To stop incitement of hatred towards Armenia and Armenians at political and public levels, as well as in mass media.

Armenia sincerely hopes that this UPR process will help to improve the human rights situation in Azerbaijan which will finally allow the Azeri people to live in dignity and in peace with all states in the region.