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**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the exercise of the
right of reply to the statement by the Delegation of Armenia at the Annual
Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Landlocked Developing Countries**

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Mr. Chair,

We are taking the floor in reply to the cynical remarks of the delegation of Armenia.

We reject the veiled baseless allegations by Armenia regarding the so-called “land blockade”.

As part of its full commitment to the UN Charter and international law, Azerbaijan opposes the use of unilateral coercive measures (UCM).

Armenia continues to occupy the Nagorno-Karabagh and seven adjacent regions of Azerbaijan and blatantly violates international law, including the UN Security Council resolutions (822, 853, 874, 884).

Armenia’s objective is not to promote regional cooperation and benefit from transregional connectivity projects, but to expand its aggression and annexation.

If Armenia is genuinely interested in regional cooperation, it should comply with its obligations under international law through withdrawing its forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

We will appreciate the due reflection of our intervention in the final records of this meeting.

I thank you.