

**Honorable President, distinguished members of the Human Rights Council, ladies and gentlemen,**

From the first day of the war, from 27 September 2020, monitoring of Azerbaijani and Turkish mass media and social networks has revealed massive hatred and calls for violence, killings and torture, also targeting Armenian children.

The existence of ethically motivated crimes against Armenians by Azerbaijanis and the fact that these crimes are being encouraged by the Azerbaijani authorities have been confirmed by several judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

In November 2020 the Ombudspersons of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh published a special joint Report on Organized Hate Speech and Animosity Towards Ethnic Armenians in Azerbaijan as Root Causes of Ethnically-Based Torture and Inhuman Treatment by Azerbaijani Armed Forces.

The report is based on objective evidence and illustrates, that Armenophobia in Azerbaijan is supported by high ranking authorities and encouraged by sport, cultural and other public figures. The report is based on evidence with original citations.

All these factors confirm Azerbaijani policy of ethnic cleansing with clear signs of genocide against the Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh by Azerbaijani armed forces during the September-November 2020 war.

I thank you for your attention.