Mr. Chair,

It is regrettable that we are compelled to take the time again from this Committee’s agenda to refute distortions of the Armenian delegations with regard to basic facts, causes and consequences of the conflict, as well as distortions relating to Azerbaijan’s right to self-defense.

I will be very brief.

It is a fact of the matter that Armenia targeted cities and civilians in Azerbaijan with missiles and artillery far from the conflict zone.

It is a fact of the matter that Armenia was and remains complicit in deaths of civilians from landmines in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan.

It is a fact of the matter that Armenia was caught red-handed when its use of prohibited munitions and military equipment left by its retreating and deserting forces proved its non-compliance with international obligations.

It is a particularly ironic fact of the matter that it is Armenia that glorifies convicted Nazi war criminals.

It is a fact of the matter that statement made by the delegation of Armenia directly contradicts the letter and spirit of communications and commitments made by the Prime Minister of Armenia, whose signature on the Trilateral Statement of 10 November 2020 indicated ostensibly the readiness of Armenia to proceed with constructive dialogue with regard to restoration of economic and transport links in the South Caucasus.

This will be our last statement on this matter.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.