

Delegation of the Republic of Armenia

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Mr. Chair,

I am compelled to answer the claims of the delegation of Azerbaijan regarding the situation created at the Kyoto Crime Congress, which as we understand Ambassador of Azerbaijan tries to link to the current situation. In fact, I want to inform the Ambassador of Azerbaijan that I am well aware about the developments at the Kyoto Congress.

First I want to emphasize that, contrary to what the Ambassador of Azerbaijan alluded, there was no reciprocal understanding between the delegations of Armenia and Azerbaijan regarding the nominations to the Bureaus of the CCPCJ and the Kyoto Congress respectively.

However, even though there was no such agreement or understanding, the delegation of Armenia had no intention to object against the candidature of Azerbaijan for the position of Vice-President of the Kyoto Crime Congress unless the delegation of Azerbaijan objected to the candidature nominated by Armenia for the position of the First Vice-President of the Kyoto Crime Congress.

After unduly prolonging the deadline for the endorsement of the above-mentioned Armenian nomination, the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan on 3 March informed the Chair of the EEG for the month of March 2021 that they are not in a position to endorse Armenia's candidature. This effectively left the Permanent Mission of Armenia with no other option than to reciprocate and respond in kind to such a politicized and unconstructive step of Azerbaijan.

So, in fact it was Azerbaijan, which has first objected to the candidature of Armenia at the Kyoto Congress, and it is extremely surprising to see the allegations of the delegation of Azerbaijan regarding the situation around Kyoto Congress nominations, in attempt to substantiate its unconstructive and highly politicized behavior at the current session of the CCPCJ.

Thank you, Mr. Chair