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and development****The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan****Letter dated 1 March 2019 from the Permanent Representative of
Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the comments by the Press Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan (see annex) on the statement made by the Director of the National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia, Artur Vanetsyan, during his visit to the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, once again confirming the plans of Armenia to continue its illegal policy and practice of transferring Armenian settlers into the occupied territories of Azerbaijan with a view to their colonization and annexation, in clear violation of international law and commitments to a political resolution of the conflict.

In this regard, I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35 and 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 1 March 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Comments by the Press Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding the statement made by Artur Vanetsyan, Director of the National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia

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That a high-ranking Armenian official should speak in these terms amounts to an undisguised assault on the many years of negotiations conducted under the auspices of the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group, and goes against the substance and logic of those negotiations, particularly in the light of the outcome of the most recent meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan and Armenia, held in Paris. In short, this is an attempt to undermine the negotiating process and to frustrate the efforts of the Co-Chairs. In addition, the Director's words provide yet more clear evidence of Armenia's direct involvement in the occupation of Azerbaijani territory, and of an attempt to somehow "justify" the plans that Armenia has nurtured to annex that land by means including an illegal resettlement policy that fundamentally violates the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols.

We would like to remind Armenia, the aggressor, that it is accountable for all possible negative consequences of such provocative words.

For its part, Azerbaijan will raise this issue with all the pre-eminent international organizations, including the United Nations and OSCE. We also call on the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group to make an unequivocal statement condemning such action on the part of a representative of the senior political leadership of Armenia as a matter of principle.
