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Letter dated 28 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to reiterate our strongest protest against the continued circulation by Armenia of various papers in the name of the unlawful and criminal puppet regime that it has set up in the occupied Daghlyq Qarabagh (Nagorno-Karabakh) region of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Such papers are null and void, as they are tantamount to war propaganda and are aimed at advocating atrocity crimes committed against Azerbaijanis on racial, ethnic and religious grounds.

No doubt, Armenia's attempts to mislead the international community by falsifications of this kind are futile and devoid of any substance. The ethnically constructed entity referred to in the letters of the Permanent Representative of Armenia and their annexes by confusing fake names, such as the "Nagorno-Karabakh Republic" or the "Republic of Artsakh", exists only in the imagination of Armenian officials.

The sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan over the Daghlyq Qarabagh region is unquestionable. The historical and legal facts are clear in that regard.¹

¹ See, for example, the identical letters dated 20 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council (A/74/450-S/2019/762); and Malcolm N. Shaw, "Report on the fundamental norm of the territorial integrity of States and the right to self-determination in the light of Armenia's revisionist claims", A/74/961-S/2020/729, annex, paras. 154-178 (dated 22 July 2020).





As a result of the recent counteroffensive operation undertaken and successfully accomplished by the armed forces of Azerbaijan in response to the new act of aggression by Armenia, more than 300 cities, towns and villages of Azerbaijan were liberated from occupation, many war criminals and terrorists were liquidated, the enemy's military capability in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan was destroyed, the puppet regime's functionality was dismantled and Armenia was enforced to peace.

The statement of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the President of the Russian Federation has put an end to the almost three-decades-old armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The implementation of this agreement ensured the cessation of all military activities and the de-occupation of the Aghdam, Kalbajar and Lachyn districts of Azerbaijan.²

The new realities on the ground offer a unique opportunity for consolidating peace and stability, restoring peaceful coexistence and promoting development and mutually beneficial cooperation in the region.

On the contrary, any kind of revanchist propaganda and revisionist claims by Armenia, including the mentioning of the so-called status of Daghlyq Qarabagh or the non-existent puppet entity, along with references to the cities, towns, villages and other localities of the Republic of Azerbaijan with false names, will be qualified as an attempt to undermine the trilateral agreement, an infringement upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and a threat to the rights and legitimate interests of its people, with all the ensuing consequences under international law, for which Armenia will bear full responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 35, 40, 86 and 114, and of the Security Council.

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² See S/2020/1104 (dated 11 November 2020).