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Letter dated 4 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to our previous communications in connection with the outbreak of hostilities in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan along the front line between the armed forces of Armenia and Azerbaijan as a result of the former's act of aggression perpetrated against my country on 27 September 2020, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following in connection with circulation by the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations of the so-called "Interim Report of the Human Rights Ombudsman" attributed to the unlawful puppet regime established by Armenia in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

First and foremost, the Permanent Mission resolutely rejects such an apparent abuse by Armenia of its privilege of being a State Member of the United Nations to mislead the international community by means of outrageous falsifications. In that regard, I would like to reiterate our position on the matter, which has been consistently expressed before (see, e.g., [A/72/508-S/2017/836](#), [A/72/889-S/2018/546](#), [A/73/689-S/2018/1167](#), [A/74/320-S/2019/669](#) and [A/74/744-S/2020/193](#)), and register once again the strongest protest against the continued circulation by Armenia of various papers in the name of the unlawful regime. Such papers are null and void per se and must be rejected and disregarded at the outset.

The very fact of propagating a regime, which has been set up as a result of aggression, ethnic cleansing and mass killings, graphically demonstrates Armenia's refusal to comply with the obligations incumbent on it under the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

As for the aforementioned so-called "report" circulated among the permanent and observer missions to the United Nations, the Permanent Mission underlines that the paper in question is based on totally fabricated and fake information and photo materials and thus represents a failed disinformation attempt by Armenia aimed at



diverting the attention from its own large-scale and systematic crimes committed against Azerbaijani civilians.

I have the honour to request the Secretary-General's interference in preventing any further abuse by Armenia of the United Nations Secretariat services and budget resources of the Organization for the circulation of papers propagating the unlawful puppet regime in violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

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

(Signed) Yashar **Aliyev**
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