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## **Identical letters dated 3 November 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Economic and Social Council**

I write to you to express once again our strongest protest against the circulation by Armenia of papers in the name of a non-existent entity. The papers of this kind are null and void per se, as they are the product of apparent falsehood and are tantamount to war propaganda and advocating lawlessness. The letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia dated 18 October 2021 ([A/76/428-E/2022/5](#)) is the latest example of such outrageous fabrication and contempt for the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The mentioning in Armenia's communications, including the one referred to above, of the localities within Azerbaijan under different fake names, such as "Nagorno-Karabakh" or "Artsakh", is also evidence of Armenia's nearly thirty-year policy of ethnic cleansing of the formerly occupied territories of Azerbaijan and attempts to erase any traces of their Azerbaijani roots.

Solely for the same purpose, all Azerbaijani localities were also renamed throughout Armenia itself. The expelled Azerbaijanis were not allowed to return to Armenia, and their Azerbaijani cultural and historical heritage was deliberately and consistently eradicated there.

The official list of geographical names in Azerbaijan, standardized by the competent national institution, is contained in the report submitted by the Government of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.<sup>1</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> GEGN.2/2021/CRP.134.



report also includes the list of 125 geographical names of Azerbaijan identified as falsified by Armenia.<sup>2</sup>

In that connection, it is pertinent to recall that resolution III/16, entitled “National standardization”, adopted at the third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in 1977, recommended, inter alia, that “any changes made by other authorities in the names standardized by the competent national geographical names authority should not be recognized by the United Nations”.<sup>3</sup> In addition, resolution VI/9 of the sixth Conference of 1992, entitled “Recognition of national standardization”, specifically discouraged the “unauthorized changing of geographical names that have already been established by a legally constituted entity and are nationally recognized”.<sup>4</sup>

Furthermore, by his decree of 7 July 2021, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan established the Garabagh (consisting of the city of Khankandi and the districts of Aghjabadi, Aghdam, Barda, Fuzuli, Khojaly, Khojavand, Shusha and Tartar) and East Zangazur (consisting of the districts of Jabrayil, Kalbajar, Gubadly, Lachin and Zangilan) economic regions in Azerbaijan.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the territory of Azerbaijan is unitary, inviolable and indivisible, and its administrative and territorial structure is a matter falling within the exclusive sovereign rights of the State.

Azerbaijan considers the dissemination of false historical narratives, the circulation of fabricated papers in the name of a non-existent entity, and the references to the localities within the internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan under fake names as 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 the Charter of the United Nations and 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 35, 66, 72 and 85, and of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 18 (c) and (h).

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev  
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<sup>2</sup> Ibid., annex I. Available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/unegcn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/documents/GEGN.2\\_2021\\_CRP133\\_list%20of%20falsified%20names-annex.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/unegcn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/documents/GEGN.2_2021_CRP133_list%20of%20falsified%20names-annex.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Natural Resources Canada, “Resolutions adopted at the eleven United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names”, p. 40.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 41.