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**Letter dated 28 September 2023 from the Permanent
Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the commentary of the Press Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in response to groundless and unacceptable allegations made by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia during his speech at the government meeting on 28 September 2023 (see annex).

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 31, 61, 69, 71, 83, 109 and 129, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 28 September 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Commentary of the Press Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the allegations made by Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of Armenia, during his speech at the government meeting on 28 September 2023

28 September 2023

We strongly condemn and reject the statement of Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of Armenia, dated September 28, 2023, on alleged “ethnic cleansing” of Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan.

Prime Minister of Armenia not only backtracks from his statement of September 21 that there is no threat to local Armenians from Azerbaijan, but also, with this alarming narrative, aims to disrupt Azerbaijan’s efforts in humanitarian assistance and reintegration process and to undermine possible prospects for peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Armenia’s leadership ignores the fact that the central Government institutions of Azerbaijan have expeditiously started to implement necessary humanitarian support measures and to address the immediate needs of the Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan.

It is well-known to Prime Minister Pashinyan that the current departure of Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan is their personal and individual decision, and it has nothing to do with forced relocation. If some segments of Armenian residents do not want to live within the framework of Azerbaijan’s legislation and authority and obey to them, we cannot force them to do so. On the contrary, we call on Armenians not to leave their places of residence and to be part of the multiethnic Azerbaijan society.

In order to establish peace and security in the region, Armenia must remove obstacles to the reintegration process of Armenian residents and focus on the successful conclusion of the negotiation process on the peace treaty based on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of both countries.
