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war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity**

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Letter dated 22 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing in connection with the letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia ([A/76/799-S/2022/310](#)) and its annexes, containing a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia of 10 April 2022 and also a worthless piece of paper on behalf of a fictitious entity.

The purpose of the endless flow of fabrications from Armenia is evidently to distort the root causes of the war that it unleashed, cover up the atrocity crimes that it committed on a massive scale during the aggression, advance the disinformation campaign against Azerbaijan and revive and sustain its territorial claims.¹

It is noteworthy that Armenia resorted to yet another provocation just a few days after the meeting between the President of Azerbaijan and the Prime Minister of Armenia on 6 April 2022 in Brussels, at which both leaders, inter alia, expressed the desire to move rapidly towards a peace treaty between their countries and agreed to instruct the Ministers for Foreign Affairs to work on the preparation of this document.²

¹ See e.g. [A/75/817-S/2021/269](#), [A/76/671-S/2022/70](#) and [A/76/762-S/2022/243](#).

² For more information, see <https://mfa.gov.az/en/news/no16422>.



Therefore, in its response to the aforementioned hostile and groundless statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan strongly condemned the destructive position of the Armenian side at a time when decisions were made to take steps towards the normalization of bilateral relations and building peace in the region.³

With regard to the circulation by Armenia of various papers on behalf of a non-existent entity and the mentioning of locations within Azerbaijan with fake names, in overt disregard for the Charter of the United Nations and international law, our position and protests have been consistently and continuously expressed through the relevant communications addressed to the Secretary-General.⁴

Armenia should not doubt that it will fully experience all the consequences of any further attempts to encroach on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and the security, rights and freedoms of its people.

As the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, stated earlier today at the fifth Congress of World Azerbaijanis, held in the city of Shusha, “[w]e don’t set our sights on the lands of other States, and we never have. But we will not give our lands to anyone either, and the Second Garabagh War proved that again”.⁵

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 16, 35, 66, 72, 74, 85 and 134, and of the Security Council.

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³ Available at <https://mfa.gov.az/en/news/no17322>.

⁴ See e.g. A/76/510-E/2022/6, A/76/560-S/2021/968, A/76/666-S/2022/61 and A/76/792-S/2022/302.

⁵ See <https://president.az/en/articles/view/55859>.