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Letter dated 17 March 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I write to you in connection with the letter dated 28 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia (A/76/731-S/2022/168), containing as its annex the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia on the so-called "thirty-fourth anniversary of the massacres of Armenians in Sumgait".

Both the letter and the statement are yet another striking example of evident fabrication, the purpose of which is to distort the true causes of the bloody and devastating war that Armenia unleashed against Azerbaijan and to conceal the numerous atrocious crimes that it committed during the aggression.

As is known, the perpetrators of these crimes not only continue to enjoy impunity, but many of them are considered national heroes in Armenia. Therefore, it is ironic that Armenia continues, through fakes and disinformation, its unsuccessful attempts to impose its fictitious image as an innocent victim.

In that regard, I wish to draw your attention to our letters dated 17 March 2021 (A/75/817-S/2021/269), 20 December 2021 (A/76/612-S/2021/1078) and 28 January 2022 (A/76/671-S/2022/70). I further wish to inform you that the Ministry of Foreign





Affairs of Azerbaijan responded to the aforementioned statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia.¹

Armenia must understand that the goal of a peaceful, developing and sustainable region, which it allegedly cares about, cannot be achieved by endlessly replicating outdated false narratives, misinterpreting international law and pursuing the policy of hatred, animosity and territorial claims.

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, 73, 74, 85 and 134, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev Ambassador Permanent Representative

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¹ Available at https://mfa.gov.az/en/news/no07321.