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Letter dated 6 March 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with Armenia's ongoing armed provocations and military activities on the territory of Azerbaijan and the act of aggression committed on 5 March 2023, in blatant violation of international law, the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and the trilateral statement of 10 November 2020 (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 30, 58, 66, 73, 84 and 132, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Tofiq Musayev**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 6 March 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Azerbaijan on Armenia's further provocations in the territory of
Azerbaijan, where the Russian Federation peacekeeping
contingent is temporarily deployed**

5 March 2023

As reported by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, according to operational information, the Armenian side, contrary to the provisions of the trilateral statement of 10 November 2020, using the unpaved Khankendi-Khalfali-Turshsu road, continued to carry out the transportation of weapons, ammunition, military personnel and landmines to the territory of Azerbaijan, where the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation is temporarily deployed.

As previously stated by Azerbaijan, Armenia did not stop its provocations even after the 44-day Patriotic War, which ended the 30-year occupation of our territories, did not fully withdraw its armed forces from the territories of Azerbaijan and carried out the transportation of weapons and ammunition to these territories and the transfer and planting there of landmines manufactured in Armenia in 2021. The facts of the placement of landmines were demonstrated during the visit of the representatives of the Türkiye-Russia joint monitoring centre to the area.

In order to check and verify the information received regarding the transportation of weapons, ammunition, military personnel and landmines from alternative auxiliary roads to the Lachin road, on 5 March, the operational unit of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan was sent to the area and attempted to check the vehicles transporting weapons, ammunition, military personnel and landmines from Armenia to Khankendi. However, as a result of the fire opened from the opposite side, there are deaths and injuries among the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The opposite side was suppressed by the return fire of our armed forces.

Such acts of aggression and provocations demonstrate that Armenia has not abandoned its occupation policy against Azerbaijan, that Armenia's assertions about the peace agenda are nothing but hypocrisy, and that Armenia is not interested in establishing peace and security in the region. These actions once again prove the necessity for the establishment of the border checkpoint regime between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

In order to prevent such military provocations, Azerbaijan demands the implementation of the trilateral statement, the cessation of the illegal transportation of weapons, ammunition, military personnel and landmines from Armenia, as well as the immediate withdrawal of the Armenian armed forces from the territory of Azerbaijan.

Armenia bears all responsibility for the escalation of the situation in the region.