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Letter dated 28 April 2023 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 and the annexed statement by his Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the so-called “anniversary of the massacre of Armenians in Maragha” ([A/77/840-S/2023/263](#)).

The purpose of the fabrications of this kind from Armenia is evidently to camouflage its territorial claims and divert the attention of the international community from its policy and practice of anti-Azerbaijani racial hatred and incitement, the devastating consequences of the war that it unleashed against my country and numerous atrocity crimes that it committed during the aggression.

It is noteworthy that, in its ludicrous attempts to mirror Azerbaijan’s legitimate demands for accountability, Armenia fails to provide any credible evidence in support of its allegations, while the reference in the statement to the reports by some human rights organizations is an apparent manipulation. In fact, the statement mainly consists of the chaotic repetition of standard false narratives that have nothing to do with its title.

The statement also contradicts Armenia’s earlier communication on the same topic, since the former alleges that the “Maragha massacre was a continuation” and



“one of the manifestations of mass crimes committed” before, while the latter, in contrast, characterizes it as “unprecedented”.¹

As to its own conduct, to date Armenia has taken no steps to investigate and prosecute the extensively documented horrific offences committed by its forces, agents, officials and other persons under its direction and control and to redress the harm caused to Azerbaijan. Instead, Armenia has ignored these violations and venerated and glorified the perpetrators as national heroes.

Armenia’s failure to punish the perpetrators constitutes a clear violation of international law and necessitates international action to invoke its responsibility, ensure individual criminal accountability and provide remedy to the victims.

Azerbaijan is strongly committed to achieving a peaceful, secure, stable and prosperous region and will continue its efforts towards that end.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30, 58, 66, 68, 73, 84 and 132, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar **Aliyev**
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¹ See [A/68/835-S/2014/261](#).