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**Letter dated 19 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 statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on measures taken in response to provocations of the Armenian armed forces illegally stationed in the Garabagh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan (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 and 129, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Yashar Aliyev  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



## **Annex to the letter dated 19 September 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

### **Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on measures taken in response to provocations of the Armenian armed forces illegally stationed in the Garabagh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**19 September 2023**

On September 19, 2023, the Armenian armed forces stationed in the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan resorted to a number of large-scale military provocations and terror attacks.

As a result of the explosion of landmines planted for terrorist purposes by the Armenian reconnaissance-sabotage groups on the Ahmadbayli-Fuzuli-Shusha road, civilians and servicemen of the Internal Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs were killed and wounded. Furthermore, the units of Azerbaijan Army came under fire from mortars and small arms. As a result, two servicemen of Azerbaijan Army were injured.

Azerbaijan Army detected the Armenian armed forces fortifying their combat positions and bringing their units to a high combat readiness level in order to continue provocations.

Local counter-terrorism measures have been launched in the region to prevent large-scale provocations by the Armenian armed forces located in the Garabagh economic region, ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Trilateral Statement, disarmament and withdrawal of units of the armed forces of Armenia from the territories of Azerbaijan and neutralization of their military infrastructure, as well as to ensure the safety of the peaceful population, civilian employees and military personnel involved in the reconstruction works in the area and restore the constitutional system of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Within the measures taken, the positions of the formations of the armed forces of Armenia in the front lines and the rear areas, as well as their long-term firing positions, combat assets and military facilities are incapacitated using high-precision weapon systems.

The targets of the taken measures are exclusively illegal military formations and military infrastructure.

Azerbaijan does not target the civilian population. In this regard, it is necessary for the Armenian civilian population to stay away from military targets.

Azerbaijan has repeatedly stated that the continued presence of units of the armed forces of Armenia in the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan, contrary to the provisions of the Trilateral Statement of November 10, 2020, is a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

The only way to achieve peace and stability in the region is the unconditional and complete withdrawal of the Armenian armed forces from the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan and the dissolution of the puppet regime.