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Letter dated 3 May 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing in connection with a letter dated 16 April 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia and its annexed paper to an unidentified addressee (A/78/849), which contain false allegations about so-called atrocities in the town of Maragha, Azerbaijan, 32 years ago.

Such communications, including those forwarded under the cowardly cover of a fictitious civil society organization, are vain attempts to evade the simple reality that, in a flagrant violation of international law, Armenia forced over 250,000 Azerbaijanis to flee their homeland in Armenia and is preventing their return; unleashed large-scale aggression and seized the Garabagh region and the adjacent seven districts of Azerbaijan, keeping them under occupation over a period of nearly 30 years; ethnically cleansed these territories of their more than 700,000 Azerbaijani population; killed tens of thousands of civilians; deprived refugees and internally displaced persons of their property; pillaged, destroyed or misappropriated the Azerbaijani cultural heritage; and looted natural resources.



Armenia has taken no steps to investigate and prosecute these extensively documented offences, simply ignoring them and, at the same time, venerating and glorifying the perpetrators as national heroes.

Armenia further refuses to account for some 4,000 missing Azerbaijani nationals, as well as refraining from providing information on the locations of mass graves in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan and on the over 1 million landmines and other explosive devices that it planted in these territories during their occupation.

Moreover, the continued references in Armenia's official correspondence and discourse to non-existent or distorted names of the settlements in Azerbaijan are in clear contradiction with both the international legal order and the ongoing process of normalizing relations between our States, at the core of which is mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Therefore, further progress towards achieving lasting peace and stability in the region requires that Armenia cease any actions that sabotage the normalization process and strictly abide by its international obligations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 31, 60, 61, 69, 71, 83 and 129, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar **Aliyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
