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## **Letter dated 30 May 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I am writing in connection with the letter dated 9 May 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia and its annexed paper ([A/79/906](#)), which replicates his country's repeatedly debunked false narratives, the sole purpose of which is to distract attention from responsibility for its own atrocity crimes and hide its true destabilizing intentions.

Such communications, including those under the cowardly cover of various pocket civil society organizations, are futile attempts to evade the simple reality that, in a flagrant violation of international law, Armenia expelled about 300,000 Azerbaijanis from their historical homeland in Iravan, Vedi, Basarkechar, Hamamli, Zangibasar, Gafan, Garakilsa, Meghri, Gorus and other districts, cities, towns and villages throughout Armenia in the late 1980s and is now denying their redress and arbitrarily preventing their return; unleashed large-scale aggression and seized the Garabagh region and the adjacent seven districts of Azerbaijan in the early 1990s, keeping them under occupation for nearly 30 years; ethnically cleansed these territories of their more than 700,000 Azerbaijani population; committed genocide in Khojaly and killed tens of thousands of civilians in total during the conflict; 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, while venerating and glorifying their perpetrators as national heroes. Armenia further refuses to account for some 4,000 missing Azerbaijani nationals, as well as to provide information on the locations of mass graves in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan and on landmines and other explosive devices that it planted in these territories during their occupation.

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

I must emphasize once again in this regard that lasting peace and stability in the region require, first and foremost, that Armenia renounce any actions that sabotage the normalization process, in particular by ceasing its disinformation campaign and bringing its policies, practices, laws and rhetoric into harmony with its international obligations.

Azerbaijan is firm in its determination to further advance the peace agenda and ensure justice in the region and will steadfastly 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 32, 60, 61, 69, 71, 84 and 132.

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