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Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Jeyhun Bayramov, in connection with the reckless armed attack from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the Republic of Azerbaijan on 5 March 2026 (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 item 31, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Tofiq F. **Musayev**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 5 March 2026 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Letter dated 5 March 2026 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan addressed to the Secretary-General**

I am writing to you to inform on the recent armed attack carried out against my country in clear violation of fundamental norms and principles of international law and of the UN Charter.

On 5 March 2026, the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan was subjected to reckless armed attack from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) equipped with remotely controlled detonator.

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, through technical means, has confirmed that four UAVs were launched from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of the Republic of Azerbaijan. While one of the UAVs was neutralized by the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the other three headed towards the Nakhchivan International Airport and a school building in the nearby village. Fortunately, the UAV targeted at the school building did not reach the building and exploded in its immediate vicinity.

The attack has left at least four civilians wounded, while significant material damage inflicted upon the Nakhchivan International Airport, which provides the only direct transportation link between the main part of the Republic of Azerbaijan and its Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic serving for about 400 thousand residents of the region. Consequently, the airport operations have had to be suspended temporarily with a view to ensuring the safety and security of civil aviation. The attack also disrupted functioning of educational facilities in the area.

This irresponsible armed attack represents a grave violation of international law, including the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, and constitutes a heinous terrorist act threatening the life of civilians and operation of critically important civilian infrastructure.

Azerbaijan conveyed to the Iranian side that it expects immediate steps from the Iranian authorities to clarify the armed attack directed against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and provide clear assurances against the recurrence of such unlawful actions.

The Azerbaijani side has demanded Iran to provide official explanation, to issue an apology, and to ensure that those responsible for this criminal act are held accountable.

Azerbaijan reaffirms its unwavering determination to safeguard its sovereignty, to protect its territorial integrity, and to ensure the safety and security of its citizens. While Azerbaijan remains committed to peace and stability in the region, it reserves the right to take proportionate steps necessary to ensure its national security, in line with international law. Appropriate defensive and precautionary measures have already been initiated.

Azerbaijan also reiterates that its territory has never been and will never be used against neighbouring states. Azerbaijan's foreign policy is based on mutual respect, non-interference in internal affairs, and constructive cooperation with its neighbours.

Azerbaijan calls upon the international community to uphold international law and to condemn this unlawful act undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity and endangering civilian lives. Ensuring regional stability requires restraint, peaceful settlement of disputes, and respect for sovereignty of the States.

(Signed) Jeyhun **Bayramov**

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