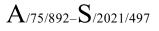
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Letter dated 24 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you to express once again our strongest protest against the continued circulation by Armenia of various papers in the name of a non-existent entity and its self-styled "officials". The papers of this kind are null and void per se, as they are the product of apparent falsehood and are tantamount to war propaganda and advocating lawlessness. The letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia dated 6 May 2021 (A/75/877-S/2021/440) is the latest example of such outrageous fabrication and contempt for the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The references in Armenia's communications to the localities within the internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan under different fake names are equally invalid, as they are clearly inconsistent with international law, the Constitution and legislation of Azerbaijan and the principles and procedures for the international standardization of geographical names established within the United Nations. The State Agency for Geodesy and Cartography of Azerbaijan has identified at least 125 such fake names. They are pure fiction and exist only in the imagination





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of Armenian authorities. The official list of geographical names in Azerbaijan is contained in the annex to its report submitted to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.¹

Azerbaijan considers the dissemination of false historical narratives, the circulation of fabricated papers in the name of a non-existent entity and the references to the localities within the internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan under different fake names as an attempt to undermine the trilateral agreement of 10 November 2020, an infringement upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and a threat to the rights and legitimate interests of its people, with all the ensuing consequences under the Charter of the United Nations and international law, for which Armenia will bear full responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 35, 40, 64, 70, 72, 86, 114 and 135, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev Ambassador Permanent Representative

¹ See GEGN.2/2021/CRP.134 (22 April 2021).