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Letter dated 27 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Incessant references in Armenia's official communications and statements to localities within Azerbaijan under different fake names and the circulation by it of worthless papers on behalf of a non-existent entity demonstrate that Member State's persistent disregard for the Charter of the United Nations and international law. The letter dated 12 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia ([A/76/802-S/2022/314](#)) is the most recent example of this kind and of an anti-Azerbaijani smear campaign.

Being the product of apparent falsehood, such pronouncements and papers per se have no validity whatsoever, as we have consistently and continuously stated in our previous letters addressed to the Secretary-General.¹

In this regard, it would be useful to recall that, after unleashing aggression against Azerbaijan and occupying and ethnically cleansing its territories in the early 1990s, Armenia set up and, over the next almost 30 years, sustained the existence,

¹ See, for example, [A/76/510-E/2022/6](#); [A/76/560-S/2021/968](#); [A/76/666-S/2022/61](#) and [A/76/792-S/2022/302](#).



under various fabricated titles, of an illegal entity within those territories. Its criminal and racist essence and nature are self-evident, as it was established purely along ethnic lines, by the unlawful use of force and at the cost of tens of thousands of Azerbaijani civilians brutally killed, and hundreds of thousands expelled from their homeland, in the course of the aggression.

As a result of the second Garabagh war, in the fall of 2020, Azerbaijan put an end to the occupation of its territories, in full accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the norms and principles of international law and Security Council resolutions [822 \(1993\)](#), [853 \(1993\)](#), [874 \(1993\)](#) and [884 \(1993\)](#).

Armenia's pursuit to revive the former occupation regime is an evident encroachment on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and the safety and rights of its people, as well as an illustration of deeply rooted hatred and Azerbaijanophobia dominating both at the State level and within society in Armenia. This is no accident, given that Armenia is a mono-ethnic country, that it still has not retracted the infamous statement of its former President about the "ethnic incompatibility" of Armenians and Azerbaijanis, that it refuses to investigate and punish the numerous hate crimes committed by its officials and armed forces and that it continues to allow racist hate groups formed for the specific purpose of inciting and committing violence against Azerbaijanis to operate openly and notoriously on its territory.

Azerbaijan will not leave unanswered Armenia's attempts to advance territorial claims, promote enmity, spread lies and destabilize the situation.

Strict compliance by States with their international obligations is imperative for building, preserving and sustaining peace and stability and for developing and enhancing cooperation. Azerbaijan is keen to continue its efforts towards ensuring these fundamental objectives for the benefit of all peoples of the region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 16, 35, 66, 72, 73, 74, 85 and 134, and of the Security Council.

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