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

I have the honour to transmit herewith the press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with further armed provocations committed by Armenia on the border between the two countries on 10 and 11 May 2023, in clear violation of international law and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, which led to casualties among the personnel of the armed forces of Azerbaijan (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 items 30 and 58, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 11 May 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on further military provocations of Armenia

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The Republic of Armenia is intensifying its military provocations against Azerbaijan along the borderline regions.

According to the information of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in the evening of May 10, units of the armed forces of Armenia stationed in the direction of Zohad carried out a deliberate provocation by subjecting the opposing positions of Azerbaijan's Army to intensive fire from various types of firearms, and as a result of this provocation, a serviceman of Azerbaijan's Army was severely injured.

Despite the warning to Armenia to stop its provocations and deliberately not aggravate the situation, since the morning of May 11, the armed forces of Armenia further escalated the situation and subjected the positions of Azerbaijan's Army to fire from mortars, as a result of which one of our servicemen was killed.

The usual occurrence of Armenia's provocations against the backdrop of the intensification of negotiations on a peace agreement, as well as the expected negotiations between the leaders, shows that Armenia is not interested in the peace process. Such actions of Armenia, which undermine the negotiation process, must be rejected and seriously condemned by the international community.

In order to prevent the provocations of Armenia, the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan take all necessary measures.

All responsibility for the deliberate aggravation of the situation lies with the military-political leadership of Armenia.
