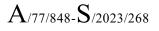
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Letter dated 12 April 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a press release by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the armed provocation committed by Armenia on 11 April 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 12 April 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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

11 April 2023

According to the information of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on April 11, units of the Armed Forces of Armenia from the direction of the Digh settlement of the Gorus district subjected to intensive fire the Azerbaijan Army's opposing positions stationed in the direction of the Lachin district. As a result of the provocation, the servicemen of the Azerbaijan Army were killed and injured.

The fact that such provocations by Armenia took place in the face of serious calls for negotiations on a peace agreement by the international community shows that Armenia is not interested in the peace process. Such military provocations of Armenia at the same time are accompanied by provocative political actions and statements.

Armenia's provocations against Azerbaijan, violating the norms and principles of international law, not only breach the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Azerbaijan, but also seriously threaten regional peace and security.

These actions of Armenia should be rejected and condemned by the international community in a serious manner.

In order to prevent provocations of Armenia, the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan are taking and will continue to take all necessary measures.

We declare once again that the responsibility for the provocations caused by Armenia falls entirely on Armenia.