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Letter dated 10 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We resolutely reject as false and misleading the letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia and the annexed statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia on the alleged violation of the ceasefire by the armed forces of Azerbaijan ([A/77/496-S/2022/726](#)).

In this connection, I have the honour to enclose herewith the response of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan (see annex) to the aforementioned statement.

Hackneyed fabrications and deliberate deceptions are part of Armenia's long-standing policy of disinformation carried out against the background of its decades-long blatant violations of international law. It is paradoxical that Armenia – the country which unleashed aggression against Azerbaijan, held the sovereign territories of my country under occupation for almost thirty years, carried out ethnic cleansing on a massive scale and committed other heinous crimes during the war – appeals now to the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

However, it would be naïve to believe that Armenia suddenly realized the imperative of respecting the norms and principles of civilized behaviour and reconsidered its deeply rooted stereotypes of racial hatred and superiority.

In the meantime, despite ongoing diplomatic efforts towards the normalization of inter-State relations initiated by Azerbaijan and supported by the international community, Armenia:



- Regularly violates the ceasefire
- Refuses to withdraw the remnants of its armed forces and illegal armed bands from the territories of Azerbaijan
- Continues mine terrorism with the sole purpose of inflicting maximum damage to the life and health of the citizens of my country, hindering the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the liberated territories and the safe return of internally displaced persons to their homes
- Disseminates old hate narratives
- Fails to prevent racist hate groups formed for the specific purpose of inciting and committing violence against Azerbaijanis to operate openly and notoriously on its territory, and
- Refrains from prosecuting and punishing numerous atrocity crimes for which it is responsible and shedding light on the fate of almost 4,000 citizens of Azerbaijan who went missing during the war.

Armenia's policy of aggression, occupation and ethnic cleansing has failed once and for all. There will be no return to the past, nor will Armenia benefit from denying the prospects of the peace agenda in favour of falsehoods and provocations.

Azerbaijan will continue its efforts towards advancing post-conflict peacebuilding, reintegration and development in the region, as well as ensuring justice and preventing and eliminating by all legitimate means any threats to the safety and well-being of its people and the State's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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, 60, 67, 69 and 134, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 10 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Commentary of the Press Service Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan on the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia dated 28 September 2022

29 September 2022

The baseless statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, dated 28 September 2022, on the alleged violation of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani side, as well as the false accusations against Azerbaijan through social media by the Prime Minister of that country, clearly demonstrate that Armenia is pursuing the goal of aggravating the situation in the region.

As previously reported by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 28 September at around 1800 hours, the units of the Armenian armed forces opened fire on the units of the Azerbaijan Army in the direction of the Kalbajar district from various caliber weapons, as a result of which a serviceman of the Azerbaijan Army was seriously injured. Thus, in response to this provocation committed by the Armenian side in violation of the ceasefire, the Azerbaijani Army took adequate measures.

There is no doubt that the provocations of the Armenian side, which have already acquired the character of “tradition”, were purposeful on the eve of the next high-level meeting. We remind that Armenia violated the ceasefire reached at 0900 hours on 13 September 2022 on the eve of the summit of the Collective Security Treaty Organization and continued its provocations for 36 hours by deliberately increasing the tension. Even now, when contacts between the two States are taking place again, the next meetings are being planned, and on the eve of the visit of international mediators to the region, Armenia is playing the same game, making people victims of its clumsy policy.

It is clear that this is another pretext of Armenia to disrupt the negotiation process.

The leadership of Armenia should not aggravate the situation in the region, should not put forward reservations to the negotiation process, should stop the practice of accusing the international community and should sit at the negotiation table.

Contrary to Armenia, Azerbaijan, which is the initiator of the peace agenda and the opening of transport communications in the region and which implements large-scale reconstruction works in the territories liberated from occupation, is not interested in creating tension in the region. However, any provocation against our country will be resolutely prevented.