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**Seventy-ninth year****Prevention of armed conflict****Peacebuilding and sustaining peace****Letter dated 21 February 2024 from the Permanent  
Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General**

In connection with the letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia dated 13 February 2024 and the annexed statement ([A/78/770-S/2024/164](#)), I would like to bring to your attention the following response contained in the commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan concerning Armenia's recent armed provocation:

The claims of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia that the measures undertaken by the armed forces of Azerbaijan against the provocation of the Armenian side are a pretext for escalation are totally groundless.

Azerbaijan eliminated the threat emanating from the Armenian military outpost following the military provocation that resulted in the injury of an Azerbaijani serviceman. This was purely a retaliatory measure.

Azerbaijan is committed to the peace process and calls on the Armenian side to refrain from military escalations that could jeopardize the efforts to that end.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 31 and 61, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

