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and related intolerance**

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**The responsibility to protect and the prevention of
genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes
against humanity**

Letter dated 23 August 2022 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I write to you in connection with the letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia and the annexed statement of his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 3 August 2022 ([A/76/919-S/2022/609](#)).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan strongly rejected the said statement of Armenia as false and hypocritical, provided details of the incident that took place on 3 August 2022 on the territory of Azerbaijan where the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation is temporarily deployed and condemned Armenia for gross violations of the trilateral statement of 10 November 2020 and for undermining the efforts towards the normalization of relations between the two States. All responsibility for the incident and tensions lies with Armenia.¹

¹ See the commentary of the Press Service Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia dated 3 August 2022 (4 August 2022), <https://mfa.gov.az/en/news/no35622>. See also the information of the Press Service Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the firing on the positions of the Azerbaijani Army by illegal Armenian armed detachments in the territory of Azerbaijan (3 August 2022), <https://mfa.gov.az/en/news/no35422>; and the information of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan about the "Revenge" Operation, <https://mod.gov.az/en/news/azerbaijan-army-conducted-revenge-operation-video-41226.html> (3 August 2022).



Furthermore, that Armenia is yet to comply with its international obligations and commit to genuine peace and stability in the region is evidenced also by its continued use of obsolete or fake names for the localities in Azerbaijan. The aforementioned letter and statement of Armenia contain 11 references to such names, which have neither historical nor legal grounds whatsoever and are testament to apparent disregard for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

As we have repeatedly stated, Armenia should not doubt that it will fully experience all the consequences of any attempts to revive territorial claims, incite enmity and destabilize the situation.

It is important that the international community demand that Armenia strictly comply with its international obligations, focus on their implementation and engage, in good faith, in the result-oriented process of normalizing inter-State relations based on the principles proposed by Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan is firm in its determination to continue efforts towards advancing post-conflict peacebuilding, reconciliation, reintegration, peaceful coexistence 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 circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35, 66, 72, 85 and 134, and of the Security Council.

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