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**Letter dated 4 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of
Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, recorded for the months of February and March 2011 (see annex). As a result, during this period two Azerbaijani soldiers and one civilian were killed and four members of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan were wounded, including three seriously.

As I informed you in my letter dated 11 March 2011 (A/65/780-S/2011/132), on 8 March 2011, as a result of the ceasefire violation by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, Fariz Badalov, a nine-year-old resident of the village of Orta Garvand of the Agdam district of the Republic of Azerbaijan, was shot dead by an Armenian sniper. I draw particular attention to the fact that this appalling crime was committed just three days after the meeting between the Presidents of the Republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, held in Sochi on 5 March 2011, at the invitation of the President of the Russian Federation, to pursue the dialogue between the parties on the settlement of the conflict.

The period was also marked by new instances of non-combat violence among Armenian military serving in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which resulted in the death of at least two conscripts of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia. According to mass media reports, confirmed by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia, conscripts Gevork Kotiniyan and Torgom



Sarukhanyan were killed by their companions-in-arms on 6 February and 12 March 2011 respectively. As yet further evidence of the continuing demoralization and disorganization of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, these incidents once again testify to their illegal presence in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Thus, as it has become known, the above-named conscripts were citizens and residents of the Republic of Armenia. Moreover, they were drafted into the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia and assigned to serve in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the Military Registration and Enlistment Offices in the Republic of Armenia in the cities of Vanadzor and Gumri respectively. Besides, the investigation of both cases is being carried out by the Investigation Unit of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia under that country's Criminal Code. Accordingly, as in previous similar instances, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia exercises its investigative powers beyond the territory of the Republic of Armenia, and that country's Criminal Code applies to the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

I would also like to refer to the letter dated 22 February 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations circulated as document A/65/749-S/2011/87. This letter represents yet another unconcealed attempt of Armenian propaganda to mislead the international community by means of blatant falsifications.

Whereas it has been internationally recognized, including by the principal organs of the United Nations, that Armenia unleashed the war, attacked Azerbaijan and occupied its territories, including the Daghylyq Garabagh (Nagorno Karabakh) region, carried out ethnic cleansing on a massive scale, perpetrated other heinous crimes in the course of the war and established the ethnically constructed subordinate separatist entity on the captured Azerbaijani territory, it is curious that Armenian propaganda continues to qualify the aggression against Azerbaijan as "a peaceful and constitutional demand of the Nagorno Karabakh people to exercise its right to self-determination".

It is indisputable that what the Republic of Armenia considers "the exercise of the right to self-determination" by the Armenian ethnic minority group in Azerbaijan has been unequivocally qualified by the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly, as well as by other authoritative international organizations, as the illegal use of force against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other egregious violations of the Charter of the United Nations and international law. In this regard, the illegality of the separatist entity and its structures, established by the Republic of Armenia on the occupied territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, has been repeatedly stated at the international level in the most unambiguous manner.

In contrast to what the Armenian side asserts, it is well established that the military phase of the conflict was preceded by a number of illegal declarations and decisions taken with a view to securing the unilateral secession of Daghylyq Garabagh from Azerbaijan, as well as by attacks at the end of 1987 and the beginning of 1988 on the Azerbaijanis, both in that territory and Armenia, resulting in civilian casualties and a flood of Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons.

In its fruitless attempts to justify its own crimes, Armenian propaganda continues to stubbornly refer to disturbances in some Azerbaijani cities at the end of

the 1980s. At the same time, it would be more useful if the officials in Yerevan could clarify the role of the Armenian nationalistic circles in provoking those events and the purposes they pursued in so doing. Thus, one of the leading figures in inter-ethnic clashes in the city of Sumgait, which resulted in the death of 26 Armenians and Azerbaijanis, was a certain Edward Grigorian, an Armenian and native of Sumgait. Depositions by witnesses and victims show that he had a list of flats inhabited by the Armenians and, together with three other Armenians, called for reprisals against the Armenians, in which he took part personally. His victims (all Armenians) identified Grigorian as one of the organizers and active figures in the violence that occurred in Sumgait. The Court found Grigorian to be one of the organizers and active participants in the Sumgait disturbances and sentenced him to 12 years' imprisonment.

Instead of groundless allegations regarding the events at the end of the 1980s, it would be appropriate if the Armenian authorities could recall that its law-enforcement bodies had not brought criminal proceedings against a single person for the brutal killing of hundreds of Azerbaijanis in the course of the forcible deportation of the Azerbaijani population from Armenia in 1987-1989, as well as for other horrible atrocities committed against the Azerbaijanis during the war.

In fact, inter-ethnic clashes in Sumgait and some other cities of Azerbaijan, being necessary to Armenian propaganda as a means of launching an extensive anti-Azerbaijani campaign and justifying the ensuing aggressive actions against Azerbaijan, had been planned and prepared in advance by the Armenian ideologists and their external supporters.

Indeed, the Armenian nationalistic circles have resorted to dangerous provocations many times in the past. Thus, as Lord Warkworth has noted, "[t]hose who ... are loudest in their sympathy with the [Armenian agitators] can hardly have realized the atrocious methods of terrorism and blackmail by which a handful of desperadoes, as careful of their own safety as they are reckless of the lives of others, have too successfully coerced their unwilling compatriots into complicity with an utterly hopeless conspiracy" (William Langer, *The Diplomacy and Imperialism. 1890-1902*, New York, 2nd ed., p. 322). Although these words pertain to the methods used by the Armenian terrorist bands ("handful of desperadoes") at the end of the nineteenth century, they remain actual until now. As the subsequent developments showed, from that time onward the same methods of violence and the use of force have been repeatedly applied by the Armenian extremist ideologists thus paving the way for new wars and human sufferings.

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 34, 39, 66 and 75, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 4 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the military forces of the Republic of Armenia^a for the months of February and March 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Fire point area</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Weapons used</i>	<i>Casualties and damages</i>
2 February	12.20-12.25	Azatamut village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Jafarli and Gushchu villages, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	22.55-23.00	Voskevan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
6 February	15.45-15.50	Occupied area outside Garakhanbayli, Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages in the Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	16.00-16.15				
	18.10-18.15	Unknown heights, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
7 February	00.45-00.50	Occupied area outside Gizil Oba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	01.45-01.50	Occupied area outside Garakhanbayli, Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
8 February	15.00-15.15	Occupied unknown heights, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	22.30-22.40	Occupied area outside Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

^a Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or close to fire point areas.

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10 February	18.05-18.10	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	12.45-12.50	Occupied area outside Javahirli and Bashgarvand villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.20-18.40 22.10-22.15	Berkaber village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
11 February	01.15-01.30	Occupied area outside Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Sarijali village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
14 February	17.20-17.30	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Kemerli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
15 February	02.45-02.50	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidbeyli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
16 February	10.50-10.55	Vozashen village in the Ijevan region of Armenia	Unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
17 February	02.55-03.02	Vozashen village in the Ijevan region of Armenia	Unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	08.15-08.30	Occupied area outside Gizil Oba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	15.20-15.25	Barekamavan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Gaymagli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	16.00-16.02	Occupied area outside Chileburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	19.10-19.15 22.30-22.45	Vozashen village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—

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18 February	08.15-09.00	Occupied area outside Gizil Oba and Chileburt villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	22.30-23.20	Aygovit and Vozashen villages, Ijevan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	17.05-17.15	Occupied area outside	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	19.00-19.05 22.50-22.55	Ashagi Seyidahmadli, Alkhanli and Ashagi Abdulrahmanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			
20 February	15.10-15.15	Occupied area outside	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	21-year-old soldier of Azerbaijani armed forces, T. Huseynov, was seriously wounded
	22.05-22.25	Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan			
	15.00-15.05	Occupied areas outside	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	19-year-old soldier of Azerbaijani armed forces, R. Rzazade, was seriously wounded
	21.10-21.15	Ashagi Seyidhamadli,			
	22.05-22.15	Alkhanli and Ashagi			
	22.20-22.35 23.20-23.40	Abdulrahmanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			
21 February	19.00-19.10	Occupied area outside Gizil Oba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.30-21.40	Occupied area outside Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	05.45-05.50	Occupied area outside	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	06.10-06.20 01.40-01.45	Ashagi Abdulrahmanli, Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			

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	19.05-19.20 23.05-23.10	Vozashen and Aygovit villages, Ijevan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
24 February	23.10-23.20	Vozashen village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
25 February	01.00-01.20 02.00-02.30 05.10-05.35	Occupied area outside Sarijali and Shirvanli villages in the Agdam district	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
27 February	22.30-22.40	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
28 February	04.15-04.20 19.10-19.20	Occupied area outside Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
1 March	19.20-19.35	Unknown heights, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.30-18.40	Area outside Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.30-18.45	Area outside Gizil Oba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	20.10-20.20 23.20-23.35	Area outside Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
2 March	00.10-00.15	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	01.25-01.35 05.50-06.35	Occupied area outside Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Gorgan villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

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3 March	13.20-13.40	Occupied area outside Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	19.30-19.35	Berkaber and Vozashen villages, Ijevan region, Armenia	Unknown heights and Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	05.00-05.15	Berkaber and Vozashen villages, Ijevan region, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	14.20-14.25	Shavarshan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Fereh village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	23.15-23.20	Occupied area outside Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	23.50-23.55	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
4 March	20.25-20.40	Azatomut village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.40-22.30	Occupied area outside Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
6 March	02.15-02.30	Occupied area outside Javahirli and Yusifjanli villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	01.55-02.15 05.15-05.45	Azatomut village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
7 March	01.35-01.40	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidhamadli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.05-13.27	Occupied area outside Gizil Oba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

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8 March	18.00-18.35	Occupied Shikhlar village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	9-year-old Azerbaijani civilian, F. Badalov, was killed
10 March	13.35-13.55	Vozashen village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	19.20-19.25	Unknown heights, Krasnaselsk region, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
11 March	00.50-01.05	Paravakar village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Kohne Gishlag village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.20-13.25	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Kamarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	23.05-23.07	Occupied unknown heights, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
13 March	16.00-16.25	Aygovit village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.40-22.30	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Kamarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	23.15-23.44	Occupied area outside Gizil Oba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
17 March	16.00-16.25	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Kamarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	01.40-01.50	Occupied area outside Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	Soldier of Azerbaijani armed forces, S. Agayev, was killed

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18 March	11.58-12.05	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	14.50-15.00	Unknown heights, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.25-21.50	Vozashen village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	01.40-01.50	Occupied areas outside Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.25-21.50	Vozashen village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	05.50-06.30	Vozashen village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	08.55-09.00	Occupied area outside Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
23 March	14.15-14.20	Berkaber village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	Soldier of Azerbaijani armed forces, E. Mammadov, was killed
24 March	15.20-15.30	Occupied area outside Talish village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	20.45-20.50	Occupied area outside Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
25 March	14.40-14.50 23.10-23.30	Occupied areas outside Gorgan and Ashagi Abdulrahmanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	Captain of Azerbaijani armed forces, R. Jafarov, was wounded
29 March	16.40-16.45	Berkaber village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—

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	20.25-20.30	Occupied area outside Garakhanbayli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
30 March	18.20-18.35	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearm and machine gun	Soldier of Azerbaijani armed forces, A. Huseynov, was seriously wounded
	18.30-18.40	Berkaber village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.35-18.45	Vozashen village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh region, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.55-19.10	Chinarli village, Berd region, Armenia	Agbulag village, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.55-19.10	Occupied unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	22.38-23.10	Occupied unknown heights, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
31 March	02.30-02.35	Occupied area outside Garakhanbayli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	03.15-03.23	Aygovit village, Ijevan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	15.40-15.45	Voskevan village, Noyanberyan region, Armenia	Guschu Ayrim village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—