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**Situaciones de derechos humanos que requieren
la atención del Consejo**

Carta de fecha 24 de junio de 2016 dirigida al Presidente del Consejo de Derechos Humanos por el Representante Permanente de Azerbaiyán ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra

Tengo el honor de adjuntar a la presente un comunicado de prensa del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de la República de Azerbaiyán sobre el deterioro de la situación en la línea de contacto entre las fuerzas armadas de Armenia y Azerbaiyán desde el 2 de abril de 2016 (véase el anexo).

Le agradecería que tuviera a bien hacer distribuir la presente carta y su anexo* como documento del 32º período de sesiones del Consejo de Derechos Humanos, en relación con el tema 4 de la agenda.

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[Inglés únicamente]

Press release dated 28 April 2016 by the Press Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the recent escalation of the situation

We share the concerns of the US Department of State and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the deterioration of the situation at the line of contact (LoC) of the Armed Forces of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Starting from the late hours of April 27 until April the 28th, the Armed Forces of Armenia using large-caliber weapons, mortars and heavy artillery shelled the densely populated civilian areas, state owned and private properties in Tartar and Aghdam districts of Azerbaijan, and the positions of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces.

As a result of irresponsible and targeted shelling of heavy weapons by the Armenian side against civilian Azerbaijani population in flagrant violation of the international humanitarian law, one civilian was killed, seven others were wounded in Aghdam region. As a consequence, on the night of 27-28 April alone more than 20 properties and social objects in Tartar and Aghdam regions were severely damaged. Overall, due to similar acts by Armenia starting from 2 April, public and private properties located in the settlements adjacent to the LoC have been severely damaged.

Cluster munitions used by the Armenian troops against the civilian Azerbaijani population living densely along the line of contact aimed at intentional destruction of manpower, do not bear any military goal and serve solely to perpetrate mass killings among the civilians. Unexploded cluster ordinances are source of threat for the lives and property of civilians for a long period of time.

Attempts of the Armenian Armed Forces to repeatedly carry out killings of civilians by inhumane means, is not an exceptional case, but rather an integral part of a planned and systematic state policy of terror implemented by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan.

The claims of official Yerevan on the damage inflicted upon civilians and properties in the territories along the line of contact controlled by Armenia are false. As a result of ethnic cleansing of Armenia against Azerbaijani population in the occupied territories, there are no civilians in the line of contact controlled by Armenia.

The Republic of Azerbaijan urges the international community to strongly condemn the Republic of Armenia for disregarding the ceasefire agreement reached between the chiefs of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia on 5 April 2016 by such provocative actions as deterioration the situation, deliberately targeting the civilians, the private and public property and by rejecting the negotiations on the peaceful settlement of the ongoing conflict.

The responsibility of the responsive (retaliatory) actions that would be taken by the Azerbaijani Armed Forces against the Armenian military targets in order to ensure the safety of the civilian population living along the LoC, fully lies on Armenia.

The Azerbaijani side has comprehensively informed and warned the international community of Armenia's preparations of new provocations.
