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### Situations relatives aux droits de l'homme qui requièrent l'attention du Conseil

## **Lettre datée du 24 juin 2016, adressée au Président du Conseil des droits de l'homme par le Représentant permanent de l'Azerbaïdjan auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève**

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire tenir ci-joint des renseignements sur de nouvelles violations du droit international humanitaire commises par l'Arménie dans le contexte de l'intensification du conflit armé entre ce pays et l'Azerbaïdjan depuis le 2 avril 2016 (voir annexe).

Je vous serais très reconnaissant de bien vouloir faire distribuer la présente lettre et son annexe\* en tant que document de la trente-deuxième session du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 4 de l'ordre du jour.

L'Ambassadeur,  
Représentant permanent  
(Signé) Vaqif Sadiqov

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**Annexe à la lettre datée du 24 juin 2016, adressée  
au Président du Conseil des droits de l'homme  
par le Représentant permanent de l'Azerbaïdjan  
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève**

*[Anglais seulement]*

**Information on further violations of international humanitarian law by  
Armenia in the context of intensification of the armed conflict between  
Armenia and Azerbaijan since April 2, 2016**

For more than two decades, Armenia has been using force against the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. It occupied twenty percent of Azerbaijan's territories and ethnically cleansed about one million Azerbaijanis from those areas, and committed numerous other war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Armenia openly disregards the UN Security Council resolutions No 822, 853, 874 and 884 that reaffirm the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, and demand immediate, full and unconditional withdrawal of occupying forces from Azerbaijani territories.

Starting from the early morning of April 2, 2016, Armenia has intensified its military activity in the conflict area, which has been accompanied with numerous acts of violation of international humanitarian law tantamount to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Armenia has been conducting systematic, deliberate and targeted attacks on non-combatant civilian population encompassing inter alia women, children and elderly residing in the densely populated areas adjacent to the line of contact of armed forces of Armenia and Azerbaijan. As a result of the bombardment of 32 settlements, 6 civilians, among them 2 children below 16 years, were killed and 26 civilians were seriously wounded. Without timely use of effective civil defense measures, the number of casualties among population would be significantly higher. Substantial damages were inflicted upon private and public property, including civilian critical infrastructure. 232 private houses, 99 electricity poles, 3 electrical substations, kilometers of water and gas pipelines were destroyed. Guided missile attacks were directed on social facilities, including schools, hospitals, and places of worship. Instruction had to be suspended in 28 of the damaged schools. One mosque was hit during prayer with high-caliber artillery shells. Compiled information on the consequences of attacks, as of 6 April 2016, is attached.

Armenia's actions represent a grave violation of international humanitarian law, in particular the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto, as well as 1954 Hague Convention on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict. As a result of those deliberate attacks, a large number of civilians have been deprived of their basic rights to life, health, property, education, communication, and practicing their religion.

Azerbaijan has taken appropriate measures to counter Armenia's use of force against its territorial integrity and sovereignty, and to ensure the safety of civilian population and property within its internationally recognized borders.

Azerbaijan has repeatedly brought to the attention of the international community that the primary reason of the tension in the region is the unlawful presence of the armed forces of Armenia in the territories of Azerbaijan. The recent actions of the military dictatorship of Armenia, which is led by a group of war criminals, represents a serious challenge to international peace and security, and the values that the civilized world stands for. The Republic of Azerbaijan calls upon the international community to condemn Armenia on its blatant violation of international humanitarian law. Azerbaijan will spare no efforts to ensure peace and justice in the region.

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