



人权理事会
第四十三届会议
2020 年 2 月 24 日至 3 月 20 日
议程项目 4
需要理事会注意的人权状况

2020 年 2 月 28 日亚美尼亚常驻联合国日内瓦办事处代表团致联合国
人权事务高级专员办事处的普通照会

亚美尼亚共和国常驻联合国日内瓦办事处和日内瓦其他国际组织代表团向联合国人权事务高级专员办事处致意，并谨转交亚美尼亚共和国外交部关于纪念针对亚美尼亚人的苏姆盖特大屠杀的声明(见附件)。

亚美尼亚常驻代表团谨请高级专员办事处将本普通照会及其附件* 作为人权理事会第四十三届会议议程项目 4 下的文件分发。

* 附件不译，原文照发。



Annex to the note verbale dated 28 February 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia on commemoration of anti-Armenian pogroms in Sumgait

Today we are commemorating the victims of the anti-Armenian pogroms in Sumgait. In the closing days of February, 1988, the Armenian population of Sumgait was subjected to mass killings and atrocities, perpetrated with unspeakable cruelty.

The Sumgait pogroms marked the beginning of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, when Azerbaijan responded to the peaceful appeal of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh to self-determination with mass violence and pogroms of Armenians. This in fact also formed the essence of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict: to ensure the security of the people of Artsakh through exercise of their right to self-determination.

The Sumgait atrocity was the first identity-based mass crime in Europe since the end of the Second World War, and it was followed by better planned new crimes of wider scale in Baku, Kirovabad and occupied territories of Nagorno-Karabakh Republic - Shahumyan region, parts of Martakert and Martuni regions.

Azerbaijani authorities' assessment of Sumgait massacre clearly reflects the absence of their willingness to solve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. For three decades Azerbaijani authorities shifted their assessment tactics - from glorification of perpetrators to blaming victims in organizing the pogroms. Only the absence of will of the Azerbaijani side to take responsibility for massive and grave human rights violations, and their genocidal intent against Armenians remain unchanged.

Today we commemorate the victims of the Sumgait massacres with a strong commitment to prevent such crimes against the Armenian people.
