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Note verbale dated 10 July 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour to draw the attention of the Human Rights Council to the “Report on the international legal responsibilities of Armenia as the belligerent occupier of Azerbaijani territory”, annexed to the letter dated 4 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, which was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council (A/74/881–S/2020/503).

The report, prepared by Professor Malcolm Shaw QC, described the legal and human rights aspects of the occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the Republic of Armenia, and examined the responsibilities of Armenia resulting from the occupation of those territories. In doing so, it referred to a number of international legally binding instruments, international case law, and legal doctrine, and also to documents adopted by numerous international organizations, as well as information provided by various international non-governmental organizations.

The Permanent Mission kindly requests the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate the present note verbale as a document of the forty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, under agenda item 4.

