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Note verbale dated 7 September 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

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva hereby transmits a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the violation of the rights of officer Guren Alaverdyan, who appeared under Azerbaijani jurisdiction (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Armenia kindly requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to circulate the present note verbale and the annex thereto* as a document of the Human Rights Council under agenda item 4.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 7 September 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 dated 27 August 2020 on the violation of the rights of the officer Guren Alaverdyan who appeared under the Azerbaijani jurisdiction

We strongly condemn the degrading treatment of the officer Guren Alaverdyan, who appeared under the Azerbaijani jurisdiction on August 22. This is a flagrant and gross violation of the international humanitarian law.

By publicly violating the dignity of Guren Alaverdyan, Azerbaijan denies the right of the prisoners of war to be “entitled in all circumstances to respect for their persons and their honour” which is asserted by civilized humanity and enshrined in the Third Geneva Convention. Such practice represents a distinctive method of notorious terrorist organizations and, as we can observe, of Azerbaijan as well.

The dictatorial regime of Azerbaijan, while feeding its people with disgraceful propaganda and Armenophobia, covers up the serious setbacks of its armed forces in the July battles by coercing the prisoner of war to read out its sham narratives.

The fact that Azerbaijan is one of the few countries to have refused to ratify all the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions also demonstrates their disregard of the international humanitarian law.

The continuous violations of international humanitarian law by Azerbaijan seriously undermine the establishment of an environment conducive to peace.
