



Assemblée générale

Distr. générale
18 juin 2021
Français
Original : anglais

Conseil des droits de l'homme

Quarante-septième session

21 juin-9 juillet 2021

Point 4 de l'ordre du jour

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

Note verbale datée du 9 juin 2021, adressée au Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de l'Azerbaïdjan auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

La Mission permanente de la République d'Azerbaïdjan auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres organisations internationales à Genève présente ci-après une communication de la Commissaire aux droits de l'homme (Ombudsman) de la République d'Azerbaïdjan dans laquelle elle traite du fait que l'Arménie a avoué avoir posé des mines dans les territoires libérés d'Azerbaïdjan (voir annexe).

La Mission permanente prie le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme de bien vouloir faire distribuer le texte de la présente note verbale et de son annexe* en tant que document du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 4 de l'ordre du jour.

* L'annexe est reproduite telle qu'elle a été reçue, dans la langue de l'original seulement.



Annex to the note verbale dated 9 June 2021 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 confession of planting mines in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan once again proves war crimes committed by Armenia dated 7 June 2021

After the recent mine explosion in the newly liberated Kalbajar district of Azerbaijan as a result of which three civilians including two journalists were killed and several civilians were severely injured, a member of the armed forces of Armenia, Colonel Koryun Ghumashyan confessed that he and his contingent placed 17 trucks of mines near Lachin and Kalbajar districts. His testimony once again proves the act of war crime committed by the political and military leadership of Armenia.

His confession circulating on social media created extreme anxiety in Azerbaijani society. This is a clear violation of international humanitarian law, with a direct confession of the crime committed and the perpetrators should be brought to justice immediately.

As the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, I have many times raised this issue before international organizations, urging them to assist in getting the maps of mines planted in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan by Armenia and thus save the lives of innocent people.

Unfortunately, we have not received any response or assistance from any relevant international organization so far. The silence of these organizations cast doubt on the efficacy of international law and creates conditions for the continued violation of human rights.

These landmines pose a great threat to each person who wants to visit those places. Over the past seven months, more than 140 people were affected by landmines, 27 of them were killed as a result of those explosions in Azerbaijan. The political and military leadership of Armenia bears full responsibility for this crime.

Human rights should not be merely the subject of speeches from the high rostrums. The international organizations claiming to be the guarantee of human rights all over the world should take concrete actions to call Armenia to provide the map of landmines to stop further casualties.

Sabina Aliyeva
Commissioner for Human Rights
(Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan,
