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

Note verbale datée du 6 septembre 2021 adressée au Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de la République d'Arménie auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

La Mission permanente de la République d'Arménie auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres organisations internationales à Genève a l'honneur de transmettre par la présente une déclaration du Ministère des affaires étrangères de la République d'Arménie au sujet des actes de provocation menés par les forces armées azerbaïdjanaises contre les régions frontalières de la République d'Arménie (voir annexe).

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

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Annex to the note verbale dated 6 September 2021 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 by the Foreign Ministry of Armenia dated 17 August 2021 on the provocative actions of Azerbaijani armed forces carried out against the border areas of the Republic of Armenia

On August 16, the Azerbaijani armed forces carried out provocative actions in the border areas of the Republic of Armenia, near Yeraskh village, near Sev Lake in the Syunik region and in the Gegharkunik region, targeting the civilian population of the bordering settlements. The armed forces of Azerbaijan continued the shelling with weapons of various calibres in the direction of Sotk in the Gegharkunik region.

On August 16, as a result of the shelling by the armed forces of Azerbaijan in the direction of Yeraskh, a serviceman of the Armed Forces of Armenia Vahan Tatosyan was fatally wounded by the shot of the sniper, and soldier Arman Hakobyan was fatally wounded by the enemy in the direction of Gegharkunik region. On August 17, another serviceman of the Armed Forces of Armenia was wounded. We express our deepest condolences and support to the family members and relatives of the killed servicemen and wish a speedy recovery to the wounded serviceman.

It is noteworthy that these actions are accompanied by the threats of the Azerbaijani top leadership towards the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Armenia and use of force against Artsakh.

We strongly condemn the provocative actions of the Azerbaijani side, which are clearly aimed at undermining the efforts towards de-escalation and hindering regional security and peace. They are aimed at preventing the resumption of the peace process under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairmanship, as well as disrupting the regional unblocking process and the opening of all means of communication.

The Republic of Armenia will consistently defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, the right of the people of Artsakh to self-determination and life in their homeland.
