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Note verbale dated 10 June 2022 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 the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the violation of the ceasefire regime by Azerbaijani armed forces on 28 May 2022 (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 10 June 2022 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 MFA of Armenia dated 29 May 2022 on the violation of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani armed forces on May 28

We strongly condemn the gross violation of the ceasefire by the Azerbaijani armed forces in the south-eastern direction of Armenia's border area on May 28, as a result of which Davit Vardanyan, a serviceman of the Armed Forces of Armenia, was killed. We extend our deepest condolences and support to the family members and relatives of the fallen soldier.

It is noteworthy that this provocation was preceded by the not constructive, warmongering and expansionist statements of the President of Azerbaijan on May 27, which included aspirations towards the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia.

In this regard, we would like to remind that the units of the Azerbaijani armed forces illegally invaded the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia in the Sotk-Khoznavar area since May of 2021, and occupied an area of more than 45 square kilometres.

Similar provocations and incidents committed on May 28 and previously, regular ceasefire violations once again justify the need for a mirror withdrawal of troops from the Armenia-Azerbaijan border and the deployment of an observation mission on the border area, which has been repeatedly raised by the Armenian side.

Taking into account that the Commission on border delimitation and border security between Armenia and Azerbaijan has already started its work, this incident should be investigated and assessed by the commission.

At the same time, we would like to remind that the consequences of the previous gross violation of the November 9, 2020 statement as a result of which the Azerbaijani armed forces invaded the village of Parukh in Nagorno-Karabakh - in the area of responsibility of the Russian peacekeeping contingent, have not been eliminated yet.

We consider it important that the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries, the CSTO, the European Union and the entire international community give an adequate and targeted assessment of Azerbaijan's provocative actions and statements, aggressive rhetoric aimed at undermining peace efforts in the South Caucasus.

We call on the Azerbaijani leadership to refrain from provocative actions and rhetoric and implement its commitments of establishing stability and security in the region, undertaken by the Trilateral Statements, as well as meetings in Brussels.
