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Note verbale dated 24 February 2023 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 comment by the Press Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the psychological terror and the violation of the rights of Armenian children by Azerbaijan (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 24 February 2023 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

Comment of the Press Secretary of the MFA of Armenia dated 19 January 2023 on the psychological terror and violation of rights of Armenian children by Azerbaijan

We are shocked by the inadmissible attitude of the Azerbaijani side towards the children returning to Nagorno-Karabakh on January 17, who were deprived of their parental care and separated from their families for about 40 days as a result of the blockade of the Lachin Corridor.

As can be clearly seen in the videos published by the Azerbaijani side, the "eco-activists" conducting themselves as terrorists, halted the vehicle transporting the children home to Nagorno-Karabakh through the Lachin Corridor, shouted demonstratively, broke into the vehicle wearing masks, illegally filmed the children and subjected them to psychological violence: as a result of all this, the children were subjected to psychological terror, leading to one of them fainting.

These actions of the Azerbaijani side are vivid examples of the state-level policy of hatred and hostility towards Armenians and the displacement of Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh - even at the level of targeting children. Such behaviour has no justification in both international legal and human-moral dimensions.

International organisations and institutions responsible for protecting children's rights, representatives of civilised humanity should provide a clear assessment of this reprehensible behaviour of the Azerbaijani side in order to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.
