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

Note verbale datée du 5 septembre 2023, adressée au Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de l'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 une déclaration du Ministère des affaires étrangères de la République d'Arménie à l'occasion de la Journée internationale des victimes de disparition forcée (voir l'annexe).

La Mission permanente de l'Arménie saurait gré au Haut-Commissariat 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.



**Annexe à la note verbale datée du 5 septembre 2023
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**Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia on the
occasion of the International Day of the Victims of Enforced
Disappearances dated 30 August 2023**

13 years ago, in 2010, the UN General Assembly, with Resolution No.65/209, proclaimed August 30th as the Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances, expressing concern at the "the increase in enforced or involuntary disappearances in various regions of the world".

Emphasizing the importance of the struggle against enforced disappearances, including the prevention of this crime and the fight against impunity, Armenia has signed and ratified the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

The Convention, as well as other fundamental international documents on human rights, reaffirm the right of every person to be free from enforced disappearance and to receive immediate, just and adequate compensation.

The issue of enforced disappearances is one of the most severe and lasting problems both during and after conflicts. All the while, the families of the missing person wait, search and remain hopeful about the return of their loved ones.

Unfortunately, Armenian society also faced it. As a result of the Azerbaijani aggression in 2020, new cases have been added to the hundreds of cases of missing persons and forced disappearances of the 90s of the previous century, when even in the face of documented and video evidence, the authorities of Azerbaijan demonstrates inaction regarding the fate of Armenian servicemen.

Being concerned about the fate of hundreds of missing people of the 44-day war, Armenia also draws attention to the cases where numerous videos and testimonies proving the forced disappearances were presented. However, no information about their fate and whereabouts has been provided by Azerbaijan.

In this context, Armenia is taking all possible steps to bring this issue to international courts, taking into account the fact that enforced disappearances in certain circumstances are also crimes against humanity defined by international law.

One of the objectives of the International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances is to remind all states to respect the rights of the families to know the truth about the fate of their loved ones.

August 30 is the day when we not only address cases of enforced disappearances but also reaffirm our commitment to overcome all obstacles to clarify the fate of the missing.
