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

Lettre datée du 24 juin 2016, adressée au Président du Conseil des droits de l'homme par le Représentant permanent de l'Azerbaïdjan auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire tenir ci-joint un communiqué de presse du Ministère des affaires étrangères de la République d'Azerbaïdjan concernant la détérioration de la situation sur la ligne d'affrontement entre les forces armées arméniennes et les forces armées azerbaïdjanaises depuis le 2 avril 2016 (voir annexe).

Je vous serais très reconnaissant de bien vouloir faire distribuer la présente lettre et son annexe* en tant que document de la trente-deuxième session du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 4 de l'ordre du jour.

L'Ambassadeur,
Représentant permanent
(Signé) Vaqif Sadiqov

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[Anglais seulement]

**Press release dated 28 April 2016 by the Press Service of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs on the recent escalation of the situation**

We share the concerns of the US Department of State and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the deterioration of the situation at the line of contact (LoC) of the Armed Forces of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Starting from the late hours of April 27 until April the 28th, the Armed Forces of Armenia using large-caliber weapons, mortars and heavy artillery shelled the densely populated civilian areas, state owned and private properties in Tartar and Aghdam districts of Azerbaijan, and the positions of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces.

As a result of irresponsible and targeted shelling of heavy weapons by the Armenian side against civilian Azerbaijani population in flagrant violation of the international humanitarian law, one civilian was killed, seven others were wounded in Aghdam region. As a consequence, on the night of 27-28 April alone more than 20 properties and social objects in Tartar and Aghdam regions were severely damaged. Overall, due to similar acts by Armenia starting from 2 April, public and private properties located in the settlements adjacent to the LoC have been severely damaged.

Cluster munitions used by the Armenian troops against the civilian Azerbaijani population living densely along the line of contact aimed at intentional destruction of manpower, do not bear any military goal and serve solely to perpetrate mass killings among the civilians. Unexploded cluster ordinances are source of threat for the lives and property of civilians for a long period of time.

Attempts of the Armenian Armed Forces to repeatedly carry out killings of civilians by inhumane means, is not an exceptional case, but rather an integral part of a planned and systematic state policy of terror implemented by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan.

The claims of official Yerevan on the damage inflicted upon civilians and properties in the territories along the line of contact controlled by Armenia are false. As a result of ethnic cleansing of Armenia against Azerbaijani population in the occupied territories, there are no civilians in the line of contact controlled by Armenia.

The Republic of Azerbaijan urges the international community to strongly condemn the Republic of Armenia for disregarding the ceasefire agreement reached between the chiefs of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia on 5 April 2016 by such provocative actions as deterioration the situation, deliberately targeting the civilians, the private and public property and by rejecting the negotiations on the peaceful settlement of the ongoing conflict.

The responsibility of the responsive (retaliatory) actions that would be taken by the Azerbaijani Armed Forces against the Armenian military targets in order to ensure the safety of the civilian population living along the LoC, fully lies on Armenia.

The Azerbaijani side has comprehensively informed and warned the international community of Armenia's preparations of new provocations.
