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**Letter dated 13 September 2022 from the Permanent
Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Jeyhun Bayramov, in connection with the large-scale military provocation resorted to by the armed forces of Armenia along the State border with Azerbaijan on the night of 12 to 13 September 2022, in clear violation of international law, the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and the statement of 10 November 2020 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 30, 60 and 134 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Yashar Aliyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 13 September 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Since the end of the conflict with Armenia, Azerbaijan has been undertaking activities aimed at establishing sustainable peace in the region.

Along with carrying out unprecedented recovery and reconstruction work in the liberated territories, Azerbaijan has initiated the process of normalizing inter-State relations with Armenia based on mutual recognition and respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity within their State borders.

Azerbaijan has, on numerous occasions, expressed its readiness to start negotiations on the peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan and has established its national delegation to that end.

Equally, Azerbaijan has undertaken efforts to start the process of delimitation and demarcation of State borders between Armenia and Azerbaijan, unblocking transportation and communication links as well as establishing the Zangazur corridor.

Notwithstanding increased dynamism in contacts, including direct dialogue between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the past months, Armenia seems to stick to its past practice of imitation of negotiations and, instead of good-faith implementation of its commitments, continues to artificially delay the practical work on different tracks.

Armenia has not withdrawn its armed forces from Azerbaijani territories, as stipulated in the November 10 trilateral statement, and continues a variety of military activities within the territories of Azerbaijan, including planting landmines produced in Armenia in 2021, inter alia, in the recently returned part of the Lachin district of Azerbaijan. As a matter of fact, the presence of Armenian armed forces in Azerbaijani territory has been publicly confessed by the Secretary of the Security Council of Armenia.

Besides demonstratively torpedoing all efforts towards inter-State normalization, Armenia attempts to disrupt talks on the reopening of communications by introducing new elements after almost two years of negotiations.

Armenia frequently resorts to provocations and sabotage to exacerbate tensions and undermine the ongoing peace process with Azerbaijan, as well as to disrupt the reconstruction work carried out by Azerbaijan in the liberated territories.

On the night of 12 to 13 September, Armenia resorted to another military provocation along the State borderline, attempting to plant mines on the roads between the military positions of Azerbaijan, taking advantage of the night-time and the difficult landscape.

Armenia, using weapons of different calibres, opened fire on Azerbaijani positions, which caused losses in the military personnel of Azerbaijan and significant damage inflicted upon its military infrastructure.

Azerbaijan took adequate measures to neutralize the threat against its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to ensure the safety of its personnel, as well as of civilian personnel involved in reconstruction work in the area.

According to official information from the Ministry of Health of Armenia, there are no civilian casualties on the Armenian side, despite the allegations of Armenian military authorities.

As a matter of fact, the military provocation of 12 to 13 September is not an isolated case but another in a series of military and political provocations of Armenia over the past months.

Azerbaijan is not interested in tensions along the border with Armenia and thus did not initiate the recent military incident.

Azerbaijan carries out large-scale reconstruction work, including in close vicinity to the area where the tensions took place. A first group of internally displaced persons was returned to Aghali village, which is close to the border. The construction of a new airport in Zangilan is about to be finalized. Azerbaijan plans to inaugurate it in the coming days.

Recently, Azerbaijan demonstrated another goodwill gesture and released five Armenian detainees with a view to improving trust and the atmosphere for peace talks to progress in.

Azerbaijan takes consistent and successful efforts to build interactions with local Armenian residents, thus solving the important issues of water and energy supply in the region.

It seems that such positive developments led by Azerbaijan are not in the interest of Armenia, which is heading into a series of provocations, including the incident last night, with the purpose of escaping peace talks, expanding the geography of tensions and taking advantage of the current international crisis to involve third parties.

Azerbaijan, having declared the ceasefire effective as at 9 a.m. on 13 September, resolutely condemns these provocative and slanderous actions and urges Armenia to constructively engage in the ongoing peace process in order to establish a durable peace in our region.

In this fragile situation, I wanted you to be informed of ongoing developments from a first-hand source.

(Signed) Jeyhun **Bayramov**
