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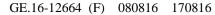
Lettre datée du 29 juin 2016, adressée au Président du Conseil des droits de l'homme par le Représentant permanent de l'Azerbaïdjan auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire tenir ci-joint le texte de l'allocution prononcée par S. E. M. Ilham Aliyev, Président de la République d'Azerbaïdjan, au Sommet mondial sur l'action humanitaire, qui s'est tenu à Istanbul (Turquie) les 23 et 24 mai 2016.

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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Speech by Ilham Aliyev at the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul

Mr. Chairman, Madam Chair, ladies and gentleman.

I believe that the results of the summit will contribute to the improvement of the living standards of the people who suffer from humanitarian crisis.

We Azerbaijanis know very good what it is like to be refugees and internally displaced persons. As a result of Armenian aggression, 20 per cent of our internationally recognized territories is under occupation, more than one million of Azerbaijanis became refugees and internally displaced persons.

Armenia committed ethnic cleansing and genocide against Azerbaijanis. Khojaly genocide committed by Armenia in 1992 is recognized by more than 10 countries. As a result of Khojaly genocide 613 civilians were brutally killed, among them 106 women, 63 children and 70 elderly. More than one thousand people are missing. Armenia continues its policy of aggression against Azerbaijan.

In April 2016, Armenia launched new attack on peaceful Azerbaijani citizens. As a result of this attack our soldiers and officers, as well as six civilians were killed. More than 30 civilians were wounded. As a result of the shelling of our citizens and villages more than 500 houses were damaged, more than 100 houses were completely destroyed and burned. Armenian army used prohibited chemical weapons against civilians, particularly white phosphorus bomb.

All the war crimes committed by Armenia are documented and presented to international monitors. In order to protect our civilian population Azerbaijani army conducted successful counter-attack and only after that aggressor was stopped. Armenia ignores four United Nations Security Council resolutions demanding immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian troops from the territory of Azerbaijan. Nagorno-Karabakh and seven other districts of Azerbaijan are occupied. In some cases United Nations Security Council resolutions are implemented within days if not hours. But in our case they remained on paper for more than twenty years. This is a policy of double standards towards Azerbaijan. Armenia must implement these resolutions or be sanctioned. Territorial integrity of Azerbaijan must be restored.

Another serious threat to the whole region is an outdated Armenian nuclear power plant in Metsamor. There is information that Armenia is illegally using the radioactive waste. Former prime minister, member of parliament and other officials of Armenia declared this April that Armenia has a nuclear weapon, so-called dirty bomb. This statement must be thoroughly examined by corresponding international organizations. Armenian nuclear threat and blackmail must be stopped. Azerbaijan does its best to overcome the consequences of humanitarian catastrophe caused by Armenia.

More than six billion dollars were spent to improve living conditions of our refugees and IDPs. The level of poverty among refugees and IDPs dropped from 75 to 12 per cent. In general, poverty level in Azerbaijan dropped from almost 50 to 5 percent in the last 12

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years. Azerbaijan provides and will continue to provide assistance to countries suffering from similar problems. We provided financial assistance to support United Nations Ebola response and recovery actions. We are also committed to promoting cooperation among relevant institutions and stakeholders for ensuring access of population to early warning system and disaster-risk information.

Thank you.

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