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Совет по правам человека**Сорок третья сессия**

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Пункт 4 повестки дня

**Ситуации в области прав человека, требующие
внимания со стороны Совета**

**Вербальная нота Постоянного представительства Азербайджана
при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций в Женеве
от 31 октября 2019 года в адрес Управления Верховного комиссара
Организации Объединенных Наций по правам человека**

Постоянное представительство Азербайджанской Республики при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций и других международных организациях в Женеве свидетельствует свое уважение Управлению Верховного комиссара Организации Объединенных Наций по правам человека и имеет честь настоящим препроводить совместное заявление глав религиозных конфессий Азербайджана (см. приложение).

Следует отметить, что Армения как оккупирующая держава на оккупированных территориях Азербайджана не выполняет свои обязательства по международному гуманитарному праву, в частности, разрушая культурное наследие и изменяя демографический состав оккупированных территорий. Оккупация Арменией территорий Азербайджана сопровождается этническими чистками, изгнанием коренных жителей оккупированных территорий и нарушением их основных прав человека.

Постоянное представительство любезно просит Управление Верховного комиссара распространить настоящую вербальную ноту и приложение к ней* в качестве документа сорок третьей сессии Совета по правам человека по пункту 4 повестки дня.

* Воспроизводится в том виде, в каком оно было получено, только на языке оригинала.



**Annex to the note verbale dated 31 October 2019 from the
Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations
Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United
Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**Joint declaration of heads of religious confessions in Azerbaijan in the
name of the one creator**

Continuing its aggressive deeds one more time, the occupant Armenia in a spiritual sense, violates the norms of international law – conventions and other documents adopted by the civilized world on the protection of spiritual heritage, against our religious monuments. Purposeful terror committed against Juma Mosque – the religious architectural monument built in 1883 by the prominent Azerbaijani architect Karbalayi Safikhan Qarabaghi in honour of the Khan of Karabakh Ibrahim Khalil's daughter Govharaga in the occupied Shusha city of Azerbaijan.

Armenia the country that also destructed cultural, historical, and religious heritage belonging to Azerbaijani nation in the occupied territories, prepares for provocative so-called "opening" of Govharaga Mosque in Shusha, destroyed by Armenians themselves after "repair" and "restoration" works. Armenia tries to deceive international community and tries to show itself as a country, that approaches historical monuments, with care, with so-called "opening" of the mosque after "repair" works. It is further obvious example of illegal activity of Armenia and its criminal regime in the occupied territories. The point, which disappoints and troubles us, is that, according to the disseminated news, criminal regime carries out these works together with "Part Saman Jahan" Company of neighbouring Muslim country of Iran.

Armenian extremists regularly destroying mosques, cemeteries, other temples in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, currently by changing historical view of the mosque behind the veil of fake humanism, under pretext of restoration, falsify its ethnic identity, and engaged in removal of cultural heritage belonging to Azerbaijanis, in the occupied lands. Undoubtedly, after the "repair and renovation" the mosque will undergo fake changes, and will be presented with corrections that distort history similarly to the previous cases with ancient Albanian churches and other temples.

We – heads of the religious confessions, residing in Azerbaijan, strongly condemn this so-called care campaign for the religious and Cultural Monument in Shusha, evaluate the actions of Armenians against our religious and cultural monuments in the occupied territories as a policy of inadmissible extortion that undermines international conventions and declare that there is no any justification for this. Armenian side committing these provocative deeds demonstrates that as always, again avoids the negotiation process for the peaceful settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and does not refrain from the hypocrisy to the format of the joint statements made by the religious leaders.

We call on the international community to express their determination against the acts of vandalism against the Govharagha Mosque, the historical and religious monuments in all our occupied territories, referring to the provisions of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), the UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (1992), urge them to take serious actions to prevent it to happen again.

(Signed) Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukr Pashazadeh
Chairman of Caucasus Muslims Board

(Signed) Aleksandr
Archbishop of Baku and Azerbaijan

(Signed) Milikh Yevdayev
Head of Community of the Mountain Jews in Azerbaijan

(Signed) Robert Mobili
Chairman of the Christian Alban-Udin Community in Azerbaijan

Baku, October 11, 2019
