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## Letter dated 20 May 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, recorded for the month of April 2011 (see annex). As a result, during this period one civilian and three Azerbaijani soldiers were wounded, including two seriously.

Moreover, the mentioned period was also marked by a series of large-scale military exercises conducted by the armed forces of Armenia in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan with the use of air forces, armoured units and artillery. Inhabitants of nearby frontline districts clearly heard explosions from the adjacent occupied districts. Even dwelling houses had been shaken by the heavy artillery shells.

I would also like to draw your attention to the letters dated 7 and 29 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations circulated as documents A/65/813-S/2011/234 and A/65/833-S/2011/285, respectively. By rejecting the recommendations of the Co-Chairs of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group presented on the basis of their Field Assessment Mission to the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 7 to 12 October 2010 and purporting to deny its culpability for the killing on 8 March 2011 of a nine-year-old Azerbaijani child and for committing other heinous crimes during the aggression against Azerbaijan and occupation of its territories,





Armenia demonstrates persistent unwillingness to respect its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and international law and to refrain from attempts to discredit the ongoing conflict settlement process.

It is curious that Armenia, the country which bears primary responsibility for unleashing the war of aggression against Azerbaijan and committing the most serious crimes of international concern during the conflict, has the insolence to criticize the victim of aggression. In his letter of 29 April 2011, the Permanent Representative of Armenia went as far as considering it unethical to inform the Secretary-General and the States Members of the United Nations about the killing by an Armenian sniper of the Azerbaijani child. At the same time, it is well known that the Armenian leadership proved more than once, not only by words, but also deeds, that such notions as ethics, peace and humanism are alien to it.

The Government of Azerbaijan is not in the position to pass over in silence the facts of crimes committed by the Armenian side in the course of the war and will continue doing its best to bring all those responsible for these crimes to justice. We are confident that ending impunity is essential not only for the purposes of identifying individual criminal responsibility for the most serious crimes of international concern, but also for ensuring sustainable peace, truth, reconciliation, the rights and interests of victims and the well-being of society at large.

Instead of attempting to lecture others and to draw the international community's attention away from the main problems, Armenia must realize that its fundamental obligation is to cease the destructive policy of annexation and ethnic cleansing, renounce attempts to undermine the peace process and ensure that the occupation of Azerbaijani territory is ended and that the inalienable right of Azerbaijani internally displaced persons to return to their places of origin is recognized and implemented.

The earlier the Government of Armenia comprehends the collapse of its dangerous political agenda, the sooner our peoples will be able to benefit from peace, stability and cooperation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 39, 66 and 75, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Agshin Mehdiyev Ambassador Permanent Representative

## Annex to the letter dated 20 May 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Violation of the ceasefire by the military forces of the Republic of Armenia<sup>a</sup> for the month of April 2011

Date	Time	Fire point area	Direction	Weapons used	Casualties and damages
1 April	03.15-03.23	Aygovit village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	02.30-02.35	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbayli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	12.20- —	Occupied areas outside Agdam district, Azerbaijan (military exercises)	Adjacent area	Heavy armour, artillery, helicopter, as well as firearms and machine guns	
	11.40-12.40	Occupied unknown heights, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	12.05-12.15	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Garakhanbayli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	13.10-13.40	Occupied unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
2 April	00.10-00.25	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmedli and Garakhanbayli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
3 April	15.40-16.00 23.45-23.55	Occupied areas outside Giziloba and Namirli villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or close to fire point areas.

Date	Time	Fire point area	Direction	Weapons used	Casualties and damages
4 April	21.55-22.30	Occupied areas outside Seysulan and Giziloba villages of Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
5 April	00.45-01.00	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbayli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	02.35-03.00	Occupied areas outside Seysulan and Giziloba villages of Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	02.35-03.00 23.25-23.35	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	22.40-22.50	Berdavan village, Noyenberyan region, Armenia	Kemerli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	23.25-23.35	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas		
6 April	04.20-04.25	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli and Alkhanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	21.30-21.40	Aygovit village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Bala Jafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	23.14-23.20	Occupied area outside Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
7 April	02.10-02.15 02.20-02.27	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli, Alkhanli and Garakhanbeyli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	22.15-22.20	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_

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8 April	00.10-00.15	Occupied unknown heights, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	10.50-10:55	Voskevan village, Noyenberyan region, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
		Occupied areas outside Khidirli village and Shah Bulag mountain, Agdam district, Azerbaijan (military exercises)	Adjacent area	Heavy armour, artillery, as well as firearms and machine guns	_
	19.35-19.45	Berkaber village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
10 April	09.30-09.45	Occupied area outside Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	10:00-10:10 14:30-14:40	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidahmedli village and unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	10.40-10.50	Occupied area outside Namirli village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	19.20-19.25 19.50-19.55	Berkaber village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	22.20-22.30	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidahmedli village and unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
11 April	19.20-19.25 19.50-19.55	Adjacent area	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	16.15-16.20 19.35-19.40	Berkaber village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_

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	19.30-19.35	Shavarshavan village, Noyenberyan region, Armenia	Ferehli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
12 April	16.50-16.55	Berkaber village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	15.05-15.20 15.20-15.30 19.15-19.20	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbeyli and Horadiz villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	
13 April	00.10-00.15	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbeyli and Horadiz villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	08.30-08.35	Berkaber village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh region, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	08.35-08.40	Voskevan village, Noyenberyan region, Armenia	Gushchu Ayrim village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
14 April	00.10-00.16 01.10-01.15	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbeyli and Horadiz villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	12.30-12.35	Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	Afternoon	Occupied areas outside Uzundere village and Shahbulag Mountain, Agdam district, Azerbaijan (military exercises)	Adjacent areas	Heavy armour, artillery, as well as firearms and machine guns	
	19.20-19.25	Berkaber village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	21.30-21.40 22.00-22.11	Vizashen and Berkaber villages, Idjevan region, Armenia	Gizil Hajili village and unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_

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15 April	02.10-02.15	Occupied area outside Kuropatkino village, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	02.40-02.50	Occupied unknown heights in the Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
 21		Occupied areas outside Khidirli village and Shah Bulag mountain, Agdam district, Azerbaijan (military exercises)	Adjacent area	Heavy armour, artillery, as well as firearms and machine guns	
	21.30-21.40	Vozashen and Berbaker villages, Idjevan region, Armenia	Unknown heights and Gizil Hajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
16 April	02.10-02.15	Occupied area outside Garakhanbeyli and Ashagi Seyidahmadli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
17 April	09.30-09.40	Paravakar village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Unknown heights, Agstafa region, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	18.20-18.45	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
18 April	00.30-00.40	Occupied area outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	18.51-19.05	Occupied unknown heights, Goygol district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	21.00-21.15	Occupied area outside Chayli village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	21.20-21.30 21.30-21.40	Occupied area outside Ashagi Veysalli village and unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_

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	23.30-23.45	Occupied area outside Garagashli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
19 April	12.35-13.05	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk region, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	18.55-18.58	Occupied area outside Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaiijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	20-year-old soldier of the Azerbaijani Army, Fazil Abdullayev and 21-year-old, Elshan Isfandiyar, were seriously wounded
20 April	Daytime	Occupied part of Agdere district, Azerbaijan (military exercises)	Talish and Upper Chayli villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Heavy armour, artillery, as well as firearms and machine guns	_
21 April	01.00-01.10 02.00-02.15 04.20-04.30	Occupied areas outside Gorgan, Garakhanbeyli and Ashagi Seyidahmadli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	11.50-11.55 19.30-19.45	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbeyli, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Ashagi Seyidahmadli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	
22 April	00.10-00.20 00.20-00.30 01.30-01.40	Occupied areas outside Garakhanbeyli, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Ashagi Seyidahmadli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	

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	17.50-17.53 21.50-22.00	Occupied areas outside Gorgan, Garakhanbeyli and Ashaghy Abdulrakhmanly, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	30-year old, soldier of the Azerbaijani Army, Anar Suleymanov, was wounded
	22.15-22.22	Occupied unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
23 April	04.30-04.35 04.50-04.55	Occupied areas outside Gorgan, Garakhanbeyli and Ashaghy Abdulrakhmanly, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
25 April	16.10-16.30	Occupied unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
26 April	01.30-01.45 02.00-02.05	Occupied areas outside Goran and Garakhanbayli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_
	21.00-21.10	Vozashen village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
27 April	17.00-17.05	Horadiz village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	19.25-19.35	Garagashli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
28 April	04.20-04.30	Garagashli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	16.15-16.20 16.30-16.35	Berdavan village, Noyenberyan region, Armenia	Kamarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearms and machine guns	_
	16.55-17.00	Occupied area outside Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_

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29 April	02.50-02.55	Parakavar village, Idjevan region, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	—
	$12.00-12.35 \\12.55-13.05 \\13.20-13.30 \\13.45-14.00 \\15.30-15.35 \\15.45-15.55 \\18.00-18.10 \\19.05-19.15$	Occupied areas outside Ashagi Seyidahmadli, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	
	21.40-21.50	Occupied unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns	_
	22.30-22.50	Occupied area outside Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearms and machine guns and mines	The resident of the Gazakhlar village, Alqama Abbasov, has blown up by a mine when shepherding in the Jojug Marjanli village in the Fizuli district of Azerbaijan
	Daytime	Occupied parts of Agdam and Khojavand districts, Azerbaijan (military exercises)	Agdam and Aghjabadi districts, Azerbaijan	Heavy armour, artillery, as well as firearms and machine guns	
30 April	00.15-00.20 00.15-00.25	Occupied areas outside Javahirli and Garagashli villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent areas	Firearms and machine guns	_