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Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts

**Letter dated 9 September 2011 from the Permanent
Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

In accordance with instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 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 August 2011 (see annex). As a result of these violations, during this period a lieutenant of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan was seriously wounded.

I would also like to refer to the letters dated 4 and 16 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations, circulated as documents A/65/924-S/2011/495 and A/65/932-S/2011/519, respectively. These letters represent yet another futile effort by Armenia to use propaganda to deny its responsibility for the aggression and other most serious international crimes committed against Azerbaijan and its citizens.

It should be noted that the above-mentioned letters and all previous letters of a similar nature and content from the Permanent Mission of Armenia were addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the principal organs of which condemned the use of force to occupy the territory of Azerbaijan and demanded immediate, full and unconditional withdrawal of the Armenian occupying forces from all the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

It is therefore curious that, instead of admitting the self-evident truth and thus ridding themselves of the need to endlessly distort reality, Armenian officials continue to seek justification for their own crimes in attempts to discredit

Azerbaijan. However, such awkward fabrication easily collapses like a house of cards against the background of facts that testify to a diametrically opposite situation, and it makes no sense at all for Azerbaijan to launch “propagandistic war” against Armenia, as the latter’s Permanent Mission groundlessly asserts.

Armenian nationalistic circles have resorted to dangerous provocations, methods of violence and the use of force many times in the past to please the policy of territorial expansionism, thus paving the way for devastating wars and countless human sufferings. By making a series of historical assertions to substantiate this policy, Armenia confirms in reality that its territorial claims towards and military actions against Azerbaijan were aimed from the very beginning at seizing the territories by means of force and changing fundamentally their demographic composition. It is well established that the full-scale war between the two countries was preceded by a number of illegal declarations and decisions taken with a view to securing the unilateral secession of Daghylyq Garabagh (Nagorno Karabakh) from Azerbaijan, by attacks at the end of 1987 and the beginning of 1988 on the Azerbaijanis, both in that territory and in Armenia, resulting in civilian casualties and a flood of Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons and, finally, by incursion of Armenian regular armed forces, mercenary units and terrorist bands into the territory of Azerbaijan.

The documentary evidence proves, and the United Nations and other international organizations confirm, that Armenia unleashed the war to realize its annexationist aspirations; attacked Azerbaijan and occupied its territories, including the Daghylyq Garabagh region and seven adjacent districts; carried out ethnic cleansing on a massive scale; committed other heinous crimes in the course of the war; and established an ethnically constructed subordinate separatist entity on the captured Azerbaijani territory.

We have repeatedly stated, and I would like to point out once again that, as a country suffering from the occupation of its territories and the forcible displacement of hundreds of thousands of its citizens, Azerbaijan is the most interested party in the earliest negotiated settlement of the conflict and the removal of its consequences. On the contrary, taking advantage of the favourable results of military actions, Armenia is trying to consolidate the current status quo of the occupation and impose, finally, a fait accompli situation. In this connection, Armenia considers the conflict settlement process only as a means of achieving the annexation of Azerbaijani territories that it has captured through military force and in which it has carried out ethnic cleansing.

Intensified attacks over the last months on Azerbaijani civilians and civilian objects across the front line, and an unprecedented increase of hostile statements by high-ranking officials in Yerevan, full of historical falsifications and factual distortions as to the root causes of the war and conflict settlement process, confirm the validity of serious concern over the destabilizing effect of Armenia’s policy and represent a direct threat to peace, security and stability in the region. The most recent statements by President Serzh Sargsyan of Armenia (see the official website of the President of Armenia, available from www.president.am/events/statements/eng/?id=97; www.president.am/events/statements/eng/?id=93; and www.president.am/events/press/eng/?id=72) are self-explanatory and illustrative as to how the leadership of this country is far from perceiving the generally accepted norms and

principles of civilized behaviour, which are indispensable for the peaceful and prosperous future of our peoples.

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**
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 9 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia* for the month of August 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Fire point area</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Weapons used</i>	<i>Casualties and damage</i>
1 August	00.35-00.40 05.05-05.15	Occupied areas near unknown heights and Garakhanbeyli, Ashagi Seyidahamdli and Ashagi Abdulrahmanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	02.30-03.00	Occupied area near Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	20.00-22.00	Occupied area near unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
2 August	00.20-00.30	Occupied area near Meshdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
3 August	16.00-16.15	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.30-18.45	Occupied areas near Javahirli and Garagashli villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
6 August	01.10-01.15	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	04.50-05.00	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

* Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to fire point areas.

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9 August	08.00-08.15	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	08.47-08.55	Occupied area near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.20-13.40	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
10 August	01.45-01.50 02.05-02.10 05.38-05.45	Occupied areas near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Gorgan villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	10.00-10.15	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	10.02-10.07	Occupied area near Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.10-13.35	Occupied area near Dashkasan district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.50-14.00 14.05-14.10	Occupied areas near Saridjali and Shurabad villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
11 August	03.55-04.05	Occupied areas near Horadiz town and Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	17.55-18.20	Occupied area near Dashkasan district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
12 August	00.10-00.20	Berkaber village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Gizilgadji village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	00.15-00.20	Occupied area, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

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	18.15-18.40	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	16.50-17.05	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
13 August	00.00-00.05	Occupied area near Ashagi Seyidahmadli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
14 August	09.20-09.50	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.30-13.40 21.45-22.00	Occupied area near Saridjali village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	23.50-00.10	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
15 August	12.10-12.50 16.45-17.00	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
16 August	09.00-09.10 16.15-16.25	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
17 August	02.00-02.10	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	18.50-19.00	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
18 August	01.25-01.40	Occupied area near Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	01.40-02.00	Occupied area near Goyarkh village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

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19 August	04.30-04.35 06.05-06.15	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	16.20-16.35	Occupied area near Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.55-22.10 22.50-22.55	Occupied area near Ashagi Veysalli village and unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	00.35-00.41 01.50-01.58	Occupied area near Ashagi Veysalli village and unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	09.55-10.00 22.50-23.10	Occupied areas near Shurabad and Garagashli villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
21 August	10.30-10.45	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	20.00-20.15 23.45-00.00	Occupied area, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area, unknown heights	Firearm and machine gun	A lieutenant of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Akif Abdiyev, was seriously wounded
	20.10-20.20 23.45-00.00	Occupied areas near Garagashli and Yusifjanli villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
22 August	10.30-10.50 22.45-23.05	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	22.10-22.20 23.30-23.35	Occupied areas near Kengerli and Shurabad villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
23 August	19.55-20.00 20.30-20.37	Occupied area near Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—

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	23.00-23.40	Occupied area near Goyarkh village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
24 August	05.00-05.20	Occupied area near Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	11.15-11.20	Berkaber village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Gizilgadjili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	12.20-12.35	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	21.40-21.45	Unknown heights near the Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	23.55-00.15	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
25 August	01.30-01.40	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
26 August	05.25-05.30	Occupied area near Ashagi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	13.00-13.25 19.50-20.05	Occupied area, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
27 August	01.30-01.35	Occupied area, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area, unknown heights	Firearm and machine gun	—
31 August	11.30-11.50	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and machine gun	—
	19.45-19.50	Occupied area near Giziloba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—
	22.50-23.20	Occupied area near Saridjali village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—