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**Letter dated 14 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of
Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia regarding the provocative military action of the Azerbaijani armed forces in adjacent territories of Yeraskh settlement of Armenia that resulted in the killing of a serviceman of the Armed Forces of Armenia (see annex).

Azerbaijan's attempts to expand the geography of the tensions after earlier infiltration into the territory of the Republic of Armenia in Syunik and Gegharkunik regions are in gross violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The armed encroachment against the territorial integrity of Armenia, accompanied by territorial claims, threats and use of force and incendiary rhetoric by the highest leadership of Azerbaijan, may further increase the tensions and destabilize the situation in the region, creating a serious threat for regional and international peace and security.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mher **Margaryan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 14 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia

14 July 2021

On July 14, the Azerbaijani armed forces instigated a provocative action in adjacent territories of Yeraskh settlement of the Republic of Armenia, as a result of which Samvel Gagik Alaverdyan, a contract serviceman of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, was fatally shot by a sniper. We express our deep condolences and support to the family members and relatives of the killed soldier.

These provocative actions occurred after the infiltration of the Azerbaijani armed forces into the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia in Syunik and Gegharkunik regions, clearly demonstrate that official Baku is trying to create new areas of tension undermining regional peace and security.

We strongly condemn this encroachment against the Republic of Armenia, which is also a gross violation of the fundamental principles of international law.

Such steps undertaken by the military-political leadership of Azerbaijan may further escalate the situation, henceforth the Azerbaijani authorities bear full responsibility for the consequences.
