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**Letter dated 25 March 2022 from the Permanent Representative of
Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic) in relation to the gross violation of the ceasefire regime and the invasion of Azerbaijani armed forces into the village of Parukh on 24 March 2022 (see annex).

This deliberate escalation of the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh by Azerbaijan was preceded by intimidation and the exertion of psychological pressure on the civilian population, targeted attacks on civilian settlements and disruption of the gas supply, with the aim of creating a humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh by imposing maximum inhumane living conditions.

A strong reaction by the international community to the genocidal policy of Azerbaijan and safe and unimpeded humanitarian access of international organizations and agencies to Nagorno-Karabakh is ever more urgent for ensuring the protection and fundamental human rights, including the right to life, of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35, 72, 73, 74 and 134, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Artsakh

25 March 2022

On March 24, the Azerbaijani Armed Forces, grossly violating the ceasefire regime, crossed the Line of Contact with the Republic of Artsakh and invaded the village of Parukh in the Askeran region of Artsakh. The enemy has undertaken provocations also in the direction of the settlement of Khramort of the same region.

Moreover, on the night of March 25, Azerbaijani Armed Forces opened fire on the units of the Artsakh Defense Army, using both firearms of different calibers and attack drones (UCAV).

The above actions are the logical continuation of the recent terrorist campaign initiated by the Azerbaijani authorities, which manifests itself in the exertion of psychological pressure on the civilian population, periodic violations of the ceasefire regime, disruption of the operation of the only gas pipeline feeding Artsakh, resulting in a dire humanitarian situation in the Republic of Artsakh.

All these actions carried out by Azerbaijan are nothing but a state-orchestrated policy of ethnic cleansing aimed at the complete eviction of Armenians from Artsakh.

Azerbaijan's geopolitical goals are obvious: to intimidate the people of Artsakh, to strike at the Russian peacekeeping mission, to make the Transcaucasus a platform of pan-Turkism and extremism for the implementation of far-fetching programs in the future.

The international community and specialized international organizations should assess Azerbaijan's anti-Armenian policy in the strictest terms. Indifference and inaction will have the most severe consequences for the entire civilized world.

The people of Artsakh continue to stand firmly on their land. They will never give up their homeland and will never retreat to the vileness and insidious tricks of the enemy.
