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against humanity****Letter dated 12 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative
of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, dated 11 October 2020, regarding the destabilizing role and provocative policy of Turkey in the region (see annex I) and a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh), dated 12 October 2020, regarding the continuing violations of the humanitarian truce by Azerbaijan with the support of Turkey (see annex II).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annexes be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 71 and 135, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



Annex I to the letter dated 12 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Armenia on the statement of the Foreign Ministry of Turkey

11 October, 2020

Today the Foreign Ministry of Turkey issued a statement which contains a number of groundless accusations against the Republic of Armenia.

It's obvious that Turkey, with participation of which the military aggression of Azerbaijan against Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) was preplanned and still continues, does not give up its stance of further destabilizing the situation and undermining the agreements reached.

Along with supplying Azerbaijan with foreign terrorist fighters from the Middle East, military equipment and experts, Turkey has also been sponsoring Azerbaijan's information and political campaign aimed at undermining the provisions of the agreement on the cessation of hostilities reached at the level of the Foreign Ministers of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Russia Federation on October 10, 2020, at the initiative of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

All these indicate Turkey's aspirations to turn our region along with other its neighboring regions to a platform for its expansionist ambitions.

We strongly condemn Turkey's provocative policy in our region, and value the cooperation of all forces interested in the stability of the region.

Annex II to the letter dated 12 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH

Statement on continuing violations of the humanitarian truce by Azerbaijan

Despite the agreement on a ceasefire for humanitarian purposes for the exchange of prisoners of war and bodies of the dead, reached in Moscow on 9-10 October 2020, with the mediation of the Russian Federation, the Azerbaijani army, being under the command and control of Turkey, continues its aggressive actions and shelling of the territory of the Republic of Artsakh, including attacks on peaceful population and civilian objects.

The humanitarian truce was broken by the Azerbaijani side just minutes after the announcement of a ceasefire by the Defence Army of the Republic of Artsakh. In parallel with the incessant rocket and artillery shelling, the Azerbaijani-Turkish forces are undertaking attacks in various parts of the front. As a result of the aggressive actions of the triple alliance of Turkey, Azerbaijan and international terrorists, including a sabotage attack in the direction of Hadrut after the announcement of the humanitarian truce, four civilians have been killed.

The actual refusal by the Azerbaijani-Turkish forces to cease fire clearly indicates that Turkey, which has not achieved its goals and therefore is not interested in establishing a lasting peace in the region, seeks by all means to prevent the realization of the agreement on humanitarian truce with the mediation of the Russian Federation. Turkey does not leave attempts to achieve its expansionist geopolitical objectives in the South Caucasus through the hands of Azerbaijan and international terrorists.

At a time when one side, represented by Turkey, Azerbaijan and international terrorists, is strongly opposed to the establishment of peace, the international community must take decisive measures, including coercive measures, to restore peace in the region. An important step in this direction is also the international recognition of the independence of the Republic of Artsakh.

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12 October 2020