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**Letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative
of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to reiterate Armenia's grave concern about the significant escalation of tensions along the line of contact between Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan and across the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan during the month of November 2015 (see annex).

As a result of intensified ceasefire violations from the Azerbaijani side, during the reporting period two Armenian soldiers (Vahe Vanoyan and Miqayel Torosyan) were killed, while three others (Vrej Andreasyan, Gegham Hovhannisyan and Meliq Khachatryan) were wounded.

The use of heavy artillery, the shelling of infrastructure facilities and the killing of civilians in borderline territories and far from the line of contact demonstrate a deliberate choice by Azerbaijan to escalate tensions and provoke a new stage of confrontation.

Armenia remains committed to the proposal to introduce a mechanism to investigate ceasefire violations, which is essential for maintaining the ceasefire. Armenia consistently reiterates its agreement to introduce such a mechanism, while Azerbaijan continues to reject it.

I kindly request 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.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 1-30 November 2015

In the framework of informational exchange between the Ministries of Defence of the Republic of Armenia and the Nagorno Karabakh Republic according to the operations data received from the armed forces of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

1. On the line of contact with the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

Total number of violations ~ 903

Total number of shots ~ 29,522

AK (AKM) ~ 16,950; PK ~ 9,923; SVD ~ 1,304; DSHK ~ 697; RPK ~ 26; Black arrow ~ 18; Istiglal ~ 480; Utyos (NSVP/NSVT) ~ 3; RPG-7 ~ 7; SPG-9 ~ 1; AGS-17 ~ 88; 60 mm mortar ~ 17; 82 mm mortar ~ 8

2. On the border with the Republic of Armenia (see table below):

Total number of violations ~ 400

Total number of shots ~ 11,523

AK (AKM) ~ 3,567; PK ~ 5,680; SVD ~ 404; DSHK ~ 220; RPK ~ 313; Black arrow ~ 280; Istiglal ~ 128; Utyos (NSVP/NSVT/KPVT) ~ 842; RPG-7 ~ 2; AGS-17 ~ 81; 60 mm mortar ~ 6

<i>No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Type of weapon</i>	<i>Ammunition</i>	<i>Results of violations</i>
1.	1 November	Eraskh	0350	AKM	7	
2.		Chinari	1730	AK	50	
3.				PK	25	
4.				SVD	6	
5.		Paravaqar	1800	AK	15	
6.		Movses	1950	AK	3	
7.			2040	SVD	1	
8.		Aygepar	2025	SVD	1	
9.		N. Karmiraghbyur	2125		1	
10.	2 November	Vazashen	0100	AK	4	At 1115, near the village of Voskevan, soldier Vrej
11.			1330	PK	3	Andreasyan received a wound
12.			1330	SVD	3	from the Azerbaijani side.

Abbreviations: AK (AKM), Kalashnikov rifle (7.62 mm/5.45); PK, Kalashnikov machine gun (7.62 mm); SVD, 7.62 mm sniper rifle; DShK, 12.7 mm machine gun; RPK, 5.45 mm machine gun; Black arrow, 12.7 mm sniper weapon; Istiglal, 14.5 mm sniper weapon; Utyos (KPVT/NSVT), 12.7 mm machine gun; RPG-7, antitank grenade launcher; AGS-17, 30 mm automatic grenade launcher; SPG-9, antitank grenade launcher.

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13.		Voskevan	1150	AK	1	
14.		Chinari	1200	Black arrow	2	
15.		Jil	1250	KPVT	15	
16.		Mehrab	1410	SVD	10	
17.		Vahan	1435	Istiglal	7	
18.		Aygedzor	2105	SVD	15	
19.		Sevkar	2140	AK	15	
20.		N. Karmiraghbyur	2210	DShk	5	
21.	3 November	Aygepar	0025	SVD	3	
22.		Voskevan	1030	PK	25	
23.			1030	DShk	20	
24.			1050	Black arrow	2	
25.			2330	Utyos	15	
26.		Sevkar	1330	SVD	4	
27.		Aygedzor	1420	Black arrow	1	
28.		Chinari	1730	SVD	6	
29.				Black arrow	1	
30.			1815	RPK	5	
31.		Bardzruni	1955	AKM	7	
32.		Vazashen	2020	PK	10	
33.				AKM	10	
34.	4 November	Baghanis	0025	Utyos	20	
35.				Black arrow	5	
36.			0045	Utyos	10	
37.			0055		12	
38.			1045	SVD	1	
39.			1445	Black arrow	9	
40.			1755	PK	35	
41.				AK	20	

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42.			2105	AKM	655	
43.			2145	PK	36	
44.				AK	430	
45.		Koti	1400	Black arrow	10	
46.		Voskepar	1755	PK	30	
47.			1815		60	
48.		Voskepar	2145	PK	320	
49.				AK	120	
50.		Paravakar	1935	AKM	12	
51.		Voskevan	2035	Utyos	60	
52.				PK	50	
53.				AKM	70	
54.			2050	PK	80	
55.				AKM	110	
56.			2055	Utyos	30	
57.				PK	160	
58.				AKM	120	
59.			2105	Utyos	160	
60.			2105	PK	320	
61.			2145	Utyos	55	
62.				PK	540	
63.				AK	420	
64.				RPK	85	
65.			2145	PK	380	
				AK	205	
				RPK	120	
		Bardzruni	2130	PK	15	
				AKM	15	
66.		Aygepar	2140	AK	4	

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67.		Movses	2250		6	
68.		Vahan	2330	AKM	20	
69.	5 November	Eraskh	0552	AKM	1	
70.		Chinari	0840	SVD	1	
71.			1150	AK	30	
72.				SVD	5	
73.			1210	RPK	3	
74.			1245	AK	30	
75.				PK	20	
76.				SVD	15	
77.			1245	Black arrow	10	
78.		Chinari	1330	Black arrow	3	
79.		Paravakar	1335	AK	5	
80.			1940	AK	30	
81.		Aygepar	1920	AK	2	
82.		Vazashen	1135	SVD	15	
83.		Baghanis	1550	Black arrow	20	
84.			1715		8	
85.			1720	Black arrow	5	
86.				PK	50	
87.		Agarak	1700	Black arrow	3	
88.		Voskevan	1720	Utyos	30	
89.			2010	Black arrow	7	
90.			2050	Black arrow	50	
91.				AGS-17	45	
92.				RPG-7	2	
93.				PK	200	
94.			2100	Utyos	120	
95.				AGS-17	20	

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96.		Kirants	2110	PK	100	
97.		Koti	2100	Utyos	45	
98.				PK	200	
99.			2120	Utyos	160	
100.				PK	180	
101.			2130	60 mm mortar	2	
102.		Mountain Omar	2115	PK	2	
103.			2145		1	
104.			2150		6	
105.			2230		3	
106.		Berkaber	2220	PK	25	
107.		Barekamavan	2140	Black arrow	10	
108.	6 November	Khndzorut	1000	RPK	30	
109.		Berkaber	1100	AKM	15	
110.			1725	SVD	1	
111.			1725		1	
112.		Berkaber	1915	PK	10	
113.		Vazashen	1400	AGS-17	6	
114.		Baghanis	1620	Istiglal	15	
115.				PK	55	
116.			1730	Black arrow	3	
117.				SVD	3	
118.				PK	15	
119.		Chambarak	1750	DShk	2	
120.			2020		2	
121.			2050	PK	110	
122.			2130		30	
123.		Aygepar	2215	AKM	1	

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124.	7 November	Kayanavan	0010	AKM	4	
125.		Eraskh	0020		3	
126.		Sarigyugh	0645		150	
127.		Berkaber	1111	AKM	6	
128.				SVD	7	
129.		Vazashen	1210	AKM	25	
130.			1210	PK	3	
131.			1220		12	
132.		Voskevan	1425	Black arrow	5	
133.			1500	Utyos	40	
134.			1540	Black arrow	7	
135.			1548	PK	80	
136.		Vahan	1510	Istiglal	12	
137.				PK	50	
138.		Khndzorut	2000	AKM	12	
139.		Berdavan	2105	PK	120	
140.			2225	PK	15	
141.		Mountain Omar	2130	AKM	20	
142.			2240	PK	14	
143.	8 November	Koti	1400	PK	25	
144.		Aygepar	1545	AK	2	
145.		Kayanavan	1750	DShk	16	
146.		Kayanavan	1755	SVD	4	
147.			1755	AK	20	
148.			1910		21	
149.			1910		20	
150.		Eraskh	1840	AK	1	
151.		Azatomut	1930	RPK	8	
152.		N. Karmiraghbyur	2050	AK	5	
153.		Khndzorut	2158		15	

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154.	9 November	Voskevan	0015	AK	60	
155.				PK	50	
156.			0020	AK	70	
157.				PK	70	
158.			0030	AK	70	
159.				PK	80	
160.		Berdavan	0225	PK	5	
161.		Koti	1320	AKM	25	
162.			1330	PK	5	
163.		Kayanavan	1810	SVD	4	
164.			1820	AK	10	
165.			2040	AKM	10	
166.		N. Karmiraghbyur	1910	AKM	30	
167.		Vazashen	2120	AKM	10	
168.				RPK	10	
169.		Movses	2300	PK	2	
170.		Eraskh	2315	AK	1	
171.	10 November	Berdavan	0055	SVD	1	
172.			0220	PK	5	
173.		Koti	1430		6	
174.		Dovegh	2141		40	
175.	11 November	Baghanis	1035	AK	10	At 1140, near the village of Marzili, on the line of contact with the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, soldier Gegham Hovhanisyan received a wound from the Azerbaijani side.
176.		Chinari	1650	Black arrow	5	
177.		Eraskh	1710	AK	1	
178.		Kirants	1950	PK	10	At 2300, near the village of Karakhanbeyli, on the line of contact with the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, soldier Meliq Khachatryan received a wound from the Azerbaijani side.
179.		Berdavan	2050	PK	35	
180.			2110		3	
181.			2125	DShk	6	
182.		Paravakar	2110	AK	5	
183.		Aygepar	2230		5	

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184.	12 November	Aygepar	1250	PK	7	At 2100, near the village of Karankhanbejli, on the line of contact with the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, soldiers Vahe Vanoyan and Miqayel Torosyan each received a fatal wound from the Azerbaijani side.
185.		Chinari	1345	RPK	20	
186.			1420	SVD	5	
187.			1930		5	
188.	13 November	Eraskh	0135	AKM	1	
189.		Aygehovit	0220	SVD	1	
190.		Berdavan	1720	SVD	4	
191.		Vazashen	2100	PK	46	
192.		Aygedzor	2200	Black arrow	5	
193.				PK	15	
194.		Chinari	2200	SVD	5	
195.			2245	SVD	2	
196.		Berkaber	2225	PK	20	
197.	14 November	Chinari	0045	PK	40	
198.			0045	DShk	20	
199.				PK	10	
200.			0220	SVD	17	
201.			1605		4	
202.		Berkaber	0150	PK	20	
203.		Aygepar	1630		4	
204.	15 November	Berdavan	0515	PK	15	
205.		Berkaber	0840	SVD	5	
206.		Berkaber	1920	SVD	8	
207.		Aygehovit	1005	SVD	5	
208.			1855	PK	15	
209.			1935	RPK	2	
210.		Sevkar	1345	SVD	4	
211.		Sarigyugh	1345		3	

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212.		Chinari	1420	SVD	5	
213.			1645		10	
214.			2255	AKM	10	
215.			2255		10	
216.		Barekamavan	1625	PK	20	
217.			1640		20	
218.		Azatamut	1830	SVD	4	
219.		Kayanavan	1855	Black arrow	8	
220.		Aygepar	1900	AK	2	
221.			2230		2	
222.		Paravakar	2145	PK	8	
223.		Shaghat	2310		13	
224.	16 November	Aygepar	0250	AK	2	
225.			2140	SVD	1	
226.		Koti	1325	Utyos	45	
227.			1340	Utyos	15	
228.				Black arrow	2	
229.			1410	PK	13	
230.			1410	Istiglal	3	
231.		Mehrab	1350	SVD	4	
232.			1615	Black arrow	23	
233.		Berkaber	1435	AK	40	
234.		Chinari	1510	Black arrow	4	
235.			1715		1	
236.		Berdavan	2230	PK	20	
237.			2340		20	
238.	17 November	Chinari	0045	RPK	10	
239.	18 November	Choporlu	0330-0400	PK	300	

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240.		Vahan	0940	Istiglal	8	
241.		Aygepar	1255	AKM	7	
242.			1810	AKM	5	
243.		Chinari	1350	Black arrow	3	
244.		Jil	1440	PK	5	
245.		Aygepar	2130	AKM	10	
246.	19 November	Paravakar	1040	AKM	6	
247.		Berdavan	1308	60 mm mortar	4	
248.		Barekamavan	1308	AGS-17	10	
249.				Utyos	10	
250.		Pambak	1315	DShk	30	
251.		Berkaber	1350	SVD	3	
252.			1405	PK	45	
253.		Aygepar	1945	AKM	3	
254.		Vazashen	2140	PK	20	
255.			2140	AKM	20	
256.	20 November	Aygedzor	0755	AK	20	
257.			1355		20	
258.			1355		5	
259.			2330	PK	10	
260.				Black arrow	5	
261.		Sarigyugh	0951	PK	10	
262.		Paravakar	1010	AK	30	
263.				PK	30	
264.			1045	AK	10	
265.		N.Karmiraghbyur	1010	AK	30	
266.				PK	30	
267.		Berkaber	1310	PK	30	

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268.			2235		5	
269.		Kayanavan	1320	SVD	2	
270.			1645	PK	20	
271.			1720	Black arrow	4	
272.			1735- 1740	SVD	2	
273.				Black arrow	5	
274.	20 November	Vahan	1420	Istiglal	3	
275.		Bardzruni	1800	AK	5	
276.		Vazashen	2115	PK	5	
277.			2305	AK	10	
278.		Chinari	2250	SVD	20	
279.		Karchevan	2310	PK	30	
280.			2310		30	
281.	21 November	Eraskh	0015	AK	1	
282.		Vazashen	0100	PK	5	
283.			0245		20	
284.			0320		20	
285.			2135	SVD	6	
286.		Kayanavan	1215	Black arrow	1	
287.			1340	PK	2	
288.				SVD	1	
289.		Aygehovit	1215	Black arrow	1	
290.			2000	AK	10	
291.			2000	PK	4	
292.		Aygepar	1355	AKM	1	
293.			1355		3	
294.		Berkaber	1905	AKM	15	
295.		Eraskh	1910	AK	2	

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296.			2100		4	
297.	22 November	Aygepar	1130	SVD	1	
298.			1155		2	
299.		Berdavan	1230	SVD	10	
300.		Chambarak	1531	PK	40	
301.		Mehrab	1720	Black arrow	3	
302.		Ttujur	1935	Istiglal	8	
303.		Mountain Agdak	2145	PK	40	
304.		Vazashen	2250		30	
305.		Choporlu	2350	PK	200	
306.				DShk	100	
307.	23 November	Chinari	0105	PK	20	
308.		Chinari	1305	SVD	1	
309.		Movses	0755	AK	2	
310.		Aygepar	1055	SVD	3	
311.			1145		2	
312.			1445		1	
313.		Jil	1140	PK	50	
314.		Mehrab	1645	SVD	30	
315.			1740		2	
316.		Berqaber	1950	PK	15	
317.			2235		20	
318.		Vahan	2130	PK	100	
319.		Eraskh	2225	AK	30	
320.		Azatamut	2335	Black arrow	3	
321.		Aygedzor	2250	PK	30	
322.	24 November	Berkaber	0950	AKM	15	
323.			1655	SVD	6	
324.		Ttujur	1145	Istiglal	2	

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325.				PK	20	
326.		Movses	1450	SVD	5	
327.		Mehrab	1615	SVD	8	
328.			1720		7	
329.		Vazashen	2020	PK	25	
330.			2020	AKM	6	
331.				SVD	2	
332.	25 November	Berkaber	0005	PK	15	
333.		Aygehovit	0325	AK	5	
334.		Paravakar	1538	SVD	1	
335.		Choporlu	1613	PK	60	
336.		Aygepar	1805	SVD	1	
337.			2145	AKM	1	
338.		Chinari	2225	PK	7	
339.				SVD	5	
340.			2250	PK	30	
341.	26 November	Chinari	1220	SVD	1	
342.		Mehrab	1810	PK	12	
343.		Paravakar	1810	AK	16	
344.		Aygepar	1845		2	
345.		Aygehovit	1240	SVD	3	
346.		Vazashen	1650	PK	18	
347.		Berkaber	2000		20	
348.	27 November	Aygepar	0145	SVD	10	
349.		Chinari	0320	Black arrow	6	
350.			0350	PK	15	
351.			0355		22	
352.			2135	AK	10	
353.		Vazashen	0350	Istiglal	20	

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354.			0925	SVD	7	
355.			0935		10	
356.		Paravakar	1115	PK	10	
357.				SVD	5	
358.		Mehrab	1610	Black arrow	4	
359.		Choporlu	2110	Black arrow	30	
360.				Istiglal	50	
361.				PK	40	
362.				AK	30	
363.		Berkaber	2230	AK	15	
364.			2240		25	
365.	28 November	Aygepar	1015	SVD	1	
366.			1345	AK	6	
367.			1925	AKM	5	
368.			2250		2	
369.		Paravakar	1220	PK	40	
370.			1232		20	
371.		Movses	1235	AK	2	
372.		Aygedzor	1420	SVD	1	
373.		Mehrab	1440		2	
374.		Kayanavan	1520		1	
375.		Kayanavan	2110	SVD	2	
376.		Barcruni	2200	AKM	10	
377.	29 November	Vazashen	1000	SVD	4	
378.		Paravakar	1420	PK	10	
379.		Barekamavan	1430	Black arrow	6	
380.		Berdavan	1500	SVD	10	
381.			2040	PK	10	
382.			2052		15	

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383.		Voskevan	1650	PK	3	
384.			1850	DShk	6	
385.			1915		8	
386.			1925	PK	10	
387.		Chinari	2150	AKM	25	
388.			2157		30	
389.		Aygepar	2230	SVD	4	
390.	30 November	Aygehovit	0140	DShk	5	
391.		Azatamut	0140	SVD	10	
392.		Vazashen	0400	PK	20	
393.			1440		10	
394.		Aygepar	0930	AK	2	
395.		Chinari	1130	RPK	20	
396.				PK	10	
397.			2005	SVD	2	
398.			2155		4	
399.		Baghanis	1945	SVD	6	
400.		Paravakar	2150	PK	10	
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