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Letter dated 13 September 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter from Ararat Mirzoyan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, with a request to convene an emergency meeting of the Security Council, on the basis of Article 35, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, in relation to the large-scale aggression of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Armenia launched on 13 September 2022, which poses an imminent threat to international peace and security (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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



Annex to the letter dated 13 September 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to bring to the attention of the Security Council the situation on the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which poses an imminent threat to international peace and security.

At midnight on 13 September, Azerbaijan launched an open large-scale aggression against the Republic of Armenia, using heavy artillery and unmanned aircraft and targeting the Armenian military positions and civilian infrastructures in the direction of Goris, Kapan, Vardenis, Sotk, Ardanish and Ishkhanasar in the Gegharkunik, Vayots Dzor and Syunik regions of Armenia, respectively. As a result of the Azerbaijani military attacks, there are numerous casualties.

Prior to that, from 2 September onwards, the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan, on a daily basis, was disseminating false information claiming that “Azerbaijan army positions were periodically subjected to fire by the use of various calibre weapons from the Armenian armed forces positions”. The Ministry of Defence of Armenia officially rejected all these allegations by Azerbaijan.

This was a distinct pattern of actions of Azerbaijan in preparation for launching armed aggression. Considering that a similar series of actions has been played out prior to the war of aggression against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh in 2020 and before each and every escalation since then, including the latest one in early August, it is becoming obvious that Azerbaijan was preparing grounds for new escalation and aggression.

Armenia has been continuously alerting the international community that Azerbaijan's sustained aggressive actions and military posturing vis-à-vis Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia will cause a new escalation of the conflict. While Armenia has publicly declared its willingness to launch negotiations towards a peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the conflict-related narratives of Azerbaijan were aimed at justifying further aggressive actions in the region.

The actions of Azerbaijan are in blatant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, and specifically its Articles 2 and 33, which provide that all Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and that the parties to any dispute should seek solutions exclusively by peaceful means.

The unilateral actions of Azerbaijan constitute a real threat to international peace and security and deserve a strong and timely reaction from the international community. With the present letter, I kindly request an emergency meeting of the Security Council, on the basis of Article 35, paragraph 1, of the Charter. I also kindly request the participation of the representative of Armenia in these deliberations, pursuant to rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council.

We also expect that the Security Council will condemn the aggressive actions of Azerbaijan in the strongest terms and will directly call upon Azerbaijan to unconditionally cease hostilities and respect the trilateral statement of 9 November 2020.

(Signed) Ararat **Mirzoyan**