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Seventy-eighth year****Letter dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent  
Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General**

I am transmitting herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the use of force by Azerbaijan on 1 September 2023, in the direction of the Gegharkunik region of Armenia, as a result of which three servicemen were killed and several wounded (see annex).

This military aggression against the territorial integrity of Armenia is yet another demonstration of Azerbaijan's policy of use of force, which disrupts the efforts aimed at establishing stability and lasting peace in the region.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 30, and of the Security Council.

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



**Annex to the letter dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia on the actions of Azerbaijan's armed forces in the direction of Gegharkunik region of Armenia**

*1 September 2023*

On September 1, the armed forces of Azerbaijan opened fire on the positions of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia located in the area of Sotk and Norabak in the Gegharkunik region, which resulted in casualties of 3 killed and 2 wounded. Azerbaijan's armed forces also used mortars and UAVs.

During this period, the Republic of Armenia has repeatedly signaled that Azerbaijan, aiming at carrying out pre-planned military actions, deliberately and systematically is spreading disinformation.

The encroachments against the territorial integrity of Armenia, combined with the statements and bellicose rhetoric regularly made by the Azerbaijani side on various levels as well as channeled through various state media, are the continuation of Baku's aggressive policy aimed at settling existing problems and imposing its own will through the use of force and the threat of use of force.

Under the conditions of targeted calls and growing pressure to lift the illegal blockade of the Lachin corridor, Azerbaijan's provocation is also aimed at diverting the attention of the international community and avoiding the fulfillment of its obligations.

We strongly condemn this kind of aggressive behavior of Azerbaijan, which is accompanied by the factual siege of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh through the 8-month-long illegal blockade of the Lachin Corridor, and can seriously disrupt the efforts aimed at establishing stability and lasting peace in the region. The Republic of Armenia reaffirms its principled position that all units of Azerbaijan's armed forces must be withdrawn from the sovereign territory of Armenia.

We call on the international community and the actors interested in real stability in the region to restrain Azerbaijan's daily increasing maximalist behavior through the existing mechanisms and active and clear steps in order to prevent further escalation of the situation and to bring Azerbaijan to a constructive track.

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