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Right of peoples to self-determination

**The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide,
war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity**

Letter dated 8 November 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia regarding the attack by Azerbaijani armed forces on the civilians carrying out construction activities near the Stepanakert-Shushi road in Nagorno-Karabakh on 8 November 2021 (see annex). This criminal action resulted in the killing of one and wounding of three persons, in gross violation of the ceasefire regime and the provisions of the Trilateral Statement of 9 November 2020.

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

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



Annex to the letter dated 8 November 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia

8 November, 2021

On November 8, the Azerbaijani side attacked civilians carrying out construction works near the Stepanakert-Shushi road in the area of responsibility of the Russian peacekeepers, as a result of which one was killed and three others were wounded.

We strongly condemn the gross violation of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani armed forces, which was established by the Statement of November 9, 2020. It is noteworthy that the incident took place on the eve of the first anniversary of the signing of the Trilateral Statement and on the day of the visit of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev to Shushi, wherein another statement full of Armenophobic rhetoric and threats of use of force was delivered.

The consistent Armenophobic rhetoric of the highest leadership of Azerbaijan, the repeated incidents of violation of the ceasefire regime clearly demonstrates the hollow nature of the statements made by official Baku on the normalization of relations between Armenia and the Armenian people.

It should be noted that this is the second case of attack on civilians by the Azerbaijani armed forces within a month, resulting in human casualties. We are convinced that the proper investigation of such crimes and the bringing of those responsible to justice can prevent further attacks on the civilian population.

We express our condolences to the relatives of the victim and wish a speedy recovery to all wounded.
