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Letter dated 11 August 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

I have the honour to recall the letter dated 5 July 2017 from Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov addressed to Your Excellency (A/HRC/36/G/5) concerning the military provocation committed by the armed forces of Armenia on 4 July 2017, which resulted in casualties among civilian population of Azerbaijan, including the killing of a 2-year-old girl, Zahra Guliyeva.

In this regard, Azerbaijani schoolchildren studying in the villages adjacent to the contact line between the armed forces of Armenia and Azerbaijan have written messages to appeal to the international community to condemn the killing of innocent civilians, especially children, caused by the continued military provocations of Armenia. I enclose herewith the said messages for your kind attention (see annex).

Moreover, I would like to inform you that, despite the harsh international condemnation for targeting children and women, Armenia seems not to have taken it into account. On 7 August, Armenia carried out another barbarity that left 13-year-old Ramin Yusifov, resident of the Tovuz region of Azerbaijan, wounded.

I would be highly appreciative if you could kindly circulate the present letter and the annex thereto* as a document of the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council under agenda item 4.

(Signed) Yalchin **Rafiyev**

Chargé d'affaires

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Children's messages

I don't like to hear sounds of shooting. I am afraid while I am going to school because the Armenians shooting. Let not any people be killed. We want to return to our old motherland.

Konul, 12 years old

I live in Fuzuli district. I want Armenians to go away from our land. I wish peace. I want live and go to school in safe conditions. Let be peace always. I want to see Shusha, where I haven't even been and travel all over Fuzuli.

Laman, 12 years old

Hi, I don't want war! The Armenians are shooting and we can't go to school. We wish peace! The Armenians occupied our territory. Our soldiers will return our territory. The Armenians killed a child and her granny last day. Our soldier will defend from them. I am proud of our soldiers, they protect us always.

Shahana, 10 years old

My name is Rafiga. I study in 9th class. I live in Zobucug village for refugees from occupied villages of Fuzuli. We hear sounds of shooting every day. We don't want anybody's death. Let Allah not to show us any children's death. We want peace, not war. On 4th July the woman and her granddaughter were killed by Armenians. They were innocent. We know our soldiers protect us. We want live in our motherland!

Rafiga, 11 years old

Hi, I live in Zobucug village of Fuzuli district. My name is Alamdar. I study in 9 class at school number 39. Armenians are shooting very often. On 4th July 2 people were killed in Alixanli village of Fuzuli district and 1 person was seriously injured. We are afraid. We wish peace always. Let be peace Not war!

Alamdar, 14 years old.

I live in Zobucug village of Fuzuli district. I want peace in our homeland. I want back our occupied territory. The Armenians don't let us live here peacefully. In Alixanli village of Fuzuli district, 2 years old Zahra Guliyeva and her grandmother Sahiba Guliyeva were killed. I wish peace. I want to be soldier when I grow up to protect my people.

Allahvardi, 11 years old