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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have pleasure in transmitting to you herewith the statement made by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 1 August 1993 concerning recent developments in the problem of Nagorny Karabakh.

I should be grateful if you would have the enclosed statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Minister Plenipotentiary
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Annex

Statement made on 1 August 1993 by the Egyptian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs concerning recent developments in the
problem of Nagorny Karabakh

Egypt has been following with close attention the agreement between the parties to the dispute concerning Nagorny Karabakh to implement the timetable for withdrawal from Kelbajar and other occupied Azerbaijani areas in accordance with the initiative of the Minsk Group in pursuance of Security Council resolution 822 adopted on 30 April 1993.

Egypt has also been following the Armenian requests for deferral of the implementation of the timetable for withdrawal, which was scheduled to begin on 11 June 1993, and the subsequent persistent attempts on the part of the Armenian side to thwart such implementation, culminating in the renewed offensive on and seizure of the Azerbaijani city of Agdam. This runs counter to the moves directed towards securing peace and jeopardizes the efforts of the Minsk Group, whose Chairman made a statement which, inter alia, strongly condemns this offensive and assigns responsibility for the loss of life and bloodshed to those who encourage continued fighting and the seizure of additional Azerbaijani territory.

In the light of the Security Council's discussion of these dangerous developments and its adoption of resolution 853 of 29 July 1993 thereon, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, strongly condemning this renewed assault on and occupation of the Azerbaijani district of Agdam and viewing such action as another link in the chain of brazen and unjustified attacks on the sovereignty of Azerbaijan, demands a complete and unconditional withdrawal from the occupied Azerbaijani territory and full and immediate compliance with Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) and 853 (1993). This would allow for progress towards a settlement of the original dispute concerning Nagorny Karabakh in accordance with the provisions of international law which guarantee respect for the legitimate rights of minorities and for the unity and integrity of the territory of States.
