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## **Letter dated 1 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

In reference to the letter dated 20 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia ([A/74/862-S/2020/425](#)), I would like to register once again our resolute protest against the continued circulation by Armenia of various papers in the name of the puppet regime it has unlawfully established in the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Besides being a primitive fabrication and example of extreme cynicism, such papers are null and void per se and must be rejected at the outset.<sup>1</sup> The very fact of propagating a regime that has been set up as a result of aggression, ethnic cleansing and mass killings graphically demonstrates Armenia's refusal to comply with the obligations incumbent on it under the Charter of the United Nations and international law. The international community has recently reaffirmed its consistent and principled position of collective non-recognition of the situation resulting from the occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan by rejecting and invalidating the so-called "elections" to the self-styled structures of the puppet regime staged by Armenia on 31 March and 14 April 2020.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See [A/72/508-S/2017/836](#), [A/72/889-S/2018/546](#), [A/73/689-S/2018/1167](#), [A/74/320-S/2019/669](#), [A/74/636-S/2019/1014](#) and [A/74/744-S/2020/193](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [A/74/805-S/2020/301](#) and [A/74/855-S/2020/404](#).



I would also like to refer to our letter dated 11 May 2020 ([A/74/851-S/2020/388](#)) and submit herewith a statement by the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the twenty-eighth anniversary of the occupation of the city of Shusha (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32, 37, 68, 70, 75 and 83, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

**Annex to the letter dated 1 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**May 08, 2020**

**Statement by the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the 28th anniversary of the occupation of the city of Shusha**

The city of Shusha, occupied on May 8, 1992, by the Armenian armed forces, was one of the most important strategic places in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan. As a result of the occupation, the city of Shusha and 30 villages of the district were destroyed, 195 civilians were killed, 165 people were injured, 58 people went missing, residents of the Shusha region (more than 24,000 people) became internally displaced people and settled in 58 regions of Azerbaijan.

In Shusha, distinguished by its unique urban planning architecture, there were 17 quarters: Gurdlar, Seydli, Julfalar, Guyulug, Chukhur, Durdler Gurdu, Haji Yusifli, Dord Chinar, Chol Gala, Merdinli, Saatli, Kocherli, Mamayi, Khoja Marjanli, Demirchi, Hamam Gabaghi and Teze Mehelle. In each quarter there was a bathhouse, a mosque, a spring.

As a result of the occupation of Shusha, the armed forces of Armenia looted, burned and destroyed 25 schools, 31 libraries, 20 health facilities, 17 clubs, 8 houses of culture, 4 technical schools, 2 branches of institutes, 7 kindergartens, 4 cinemas, 5 parks of culture and recreation, 2 sanatorium, tourist base, 2 hotels, a branch of the State Museum of Azerbaijan Carpet, Shusha State Drama Theater, Shusha Television, Oriental Musical Instrument Factory, State Art Gallery, Children's Health School.

28 years have passed since the occupation of Shusha, which is one of the cultural centers of Azerbaijan. We do not lose hope and believe that we will definitely return to Shusha and restore our ruined city.

On behalf of the Azerbaijani community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, numbering more than 80 thousand people, including on behalf of more than 30 thousand representatives of the Azerbaijani community of Shusha region, we call on the world community to put an end to the aggression of Armenia against the Azerbaijani people, which continues today, to support the fair position of our country to give an objective assessment of the occupation.

We declare that a just solution to the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict is possible only after the withdrawal of the Armenian armed forces from the occupied Azerbaijani territories and the return of the ethnic cleansed Azerbaijanis to their native lands. We, as the Azerbaijani community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, are ready to live in peace with the Armenian community of the region within the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Only in this case can a sustainable and just peace be ensured in the region.