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#### **Note verbale dated 10 February 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour to draw the attention of the Human Rights Council to a statement reflecting the call of the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the international community regarding the restoration of their fundamental rights and freedoms, which have been violated for almost 30 years by the Republic of Armenia (see A/74/672–S/2020/83, annex).

In the period from 1992 to 1994, the Republic of Armenia used its military force to seize the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven adjacent administrative districts of the Republic of Azerbaijan, an aggression accompanied by the ethnic cleansing of native Azerbaijani inhabitants of the occupied territories and the setting up of an illegal separatist regime in these territories, which constitute 20 per cent of the internationally recognized territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

In its resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993), the Security Council reaffirmed the inviolability of international borders, the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory, and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Council also reconfirmed that the Nagorno-Karabakh region is an integral part of Azerbaijan and demanded the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying forces from all occupied territories.

The economic, social and cultural rights of Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons forcefully expelled from their ancestral lands are still being violated by the Republic of Armenia today.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva kindly requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to circulate the present note verbale as a document of the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council, under agenda item 4.

