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Note verbale dated 8 April 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 attention of the Office to the communiqué adopted by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the so-called “elections” held in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the text of which is as follows:

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement underlines the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and reaffirms that no State shall recognize as lawful the situation resulting from the occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

In that connection, the NAM Member States do not recognize the so-called “presidential and parliamentary elections” held in the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 31 March 2020 and consider them as illegitimate.

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement once again expresses, in line with paragraph 662 of the Outcome Document of NAM Baku Summit, its support to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan within its internationally recognized borders and to the settlement of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan on the basis of the United Nations Security Council resolutions (S/RES/822, S/RES/853, S/RES/874, S/RES/884).

The Permanent Mission kindly requests the Office to circulate the present note verbale as a document of the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council, under agenda item 4.

