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Пункт 4 повестки дня  
**Ситуации в области прав человека,**  
**требующие внимания со стороны Совета**

**Вербальная нота Постоянного представительства Азербайджана при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций в Женеве от 8 апреля 2020 года в адрес Управления Верховного комиссара Организации Объединенных Наций по правам человека**

Постоянное представительство Азербайджанской Республики при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций и других международных организациях в Женеве свидетельствует свое уважение Управлению Верховного комиссара Организации Объединенных Наций по правам человека и имеет честь настоящим препроводить заявление азербайджанской общины Нагорно-Карабахского района Азербайджанской Республики о незаконных «выборах», проведенных 31 марта 2020 года на территориях Азербайджанской Республики, оккупированных Республикой Армения (см. приложение).

Постоянное представительство любезно просит Управление Верховного комиссара распространить настоящую вербальную ноту и приложение к ней\* в качестве документа сорок третьей сессии Совета по правам человека по пункту 4 повестки дня.

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\* Воспроизводится в том виде, в каком оно было получено, только на том языке, на котором оно было представлено.



**Annex to the 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**

**Statement by the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

On March 31, 2020 another "election show" under the name "presidential and parliamentary elections" was staged in the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This step of the aggressor Armenia and its accomplice – the occupying regime – has no legal basis and is a great stain on the name of democracy and elections.

At a time when the world is facing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and despite the threat posed by it to human lives, Armenia and the occupying regime, remaining true to their disposition, continue their illegal activities even under these circumstances and hold a show called "elections." This is yet another sign of "values" that Armenia and the illegal regime are based on, and is the indicator of their "attitude" towards the Armenian community of the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, whom they hold captive. It confirms how unimportant the lives and destinies of those people are for the regime. We believe that the Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh will finally realize that they are a tool in the hands of Armenia and the illegal regime, which do not value them and turn them into a victim of fake games instead of protecting them from the threat of pandemic.

In the past, some people influenced by Armenian diaspora visited the occupied territories of Azerbaijan in order to observe this kind of fake "elections". This time these people did not demonstrate any interest and did not participate in the latest so-called "elections".

The holding of the illegal "elections" in the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region is a gross violation of the fundamental human rights of Azerbaijanis who have been subjected to ethnic cleansing and expelled from their lands. The UN, OSCE, other international organizations and the international community have repeatedly condemned the illegal "elections" in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and declared the inviolability of Azerbaijan's internationally recognized borders. Statements given by states and international organizations starting from yesterday once again demonstrate that no one recognizes these "elections", nor considers them legal.

These illegal "elections" are another blow to the negotiation process and serve to escalate the situation.

We are convinced that the Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh will take part in the legitimate elections which will be held in accordance with the Constitution and other laws of our country, alongside with the Azerbaijanis who will return after the restoration of the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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