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Situations relatives aux droits de l'homme qui requièrent l'attention du Conseil

Note verbale datée du 30 juin 2020, adressée au Haut-Commissariat aux droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de l'Arménie auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

La Mission permanente de la République d'Arménie auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres organisations internationales à Genève présente ses compliments au Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme et a l'honneur de lui faire tenir ci-joint le texte de la déclaration faite par le Ministère arménien des affaires étrangères à l'occasion du cent-deuxième anniversaire des batailles héroïques de mai et de la création de la Première République d'Arménie (voir annexe).

La Mission permanente de l'Arménie prie le Haut-Commissariat de bien vouloir faire distribuer le texte de la présente note verbale et de son annexe* comme document de la quarante-quatrième session du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 4 de l'ordre du jour.

* La déclaration est reproduite en annexe telle qu'elle a été reçue, dans la langue de l'original seulement.



Annex to the note verbale dated 30 June 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Statement by the Foreign Ministry dated 28 May 2020 on the occasion of the 102nd anniversary of Heroic May Battles and the First Republic of Armenia

On May 28, Armenia and Armenians all over the world celebrate the 102nd anniversary of the Heroic May Battles and the First Republic of Armenia.

This special day of our millenia old history symbolizes two important messages: having been subjected to genocide in the greater part of their historical homeland, the Armenians and their fight for survival prevailed in Sardarapat, Bash-Aparan and Karakilisa battles, and by the May Victories the Armenian people have once and for all affirmed their right to exist.

Second, after more than five centuries, the Armenian statehood was restored, and the Republic of Armenia became a member of the international community. The First Republic was established during the days of the Great War and played an important role in the end of the First World War in our region, both on military and diplomatic fronts.

The Republic of Armenia actively participated in and eventually became a party to the international peace treaties which shaped the outcome of the WWI.

The First Republic of Armenia defended the right of the Armenian people to exist and self-determination in Artsakh as well, and the issue of the status of Artsakh was formulated as an international issue.

Despite its short period of existence, the First Republic laid foundations for political institutions in charge of domestic and foreign affairs, as well as established the objectives for the continued development of the Armenian statehood.

By uniting the struggle of national liberation and state building, this day up to now symbolizes the realization of two priority objectives of our statehood and all Armenians: sovereignty and security.

Congratulations to all of us on the occasion of the Heroic May Battles and the Republic Day.
