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Seventy-sixth year****Letter dated 27 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of
Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia regarding the military activities of Azerbaijan inside the territory of Armenia that resulted in the killing of an Armenian serviceman on 25 May 2021 (see annex I) and the capture of six servicemen on 27 May 2021 (see annex II).

The armed encroachment against the territorial integrity of Armenia, in gross violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, can further increase the tensions and destabilize the situation in the region, creating a serious threat for regional and international peace and security.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annexes be circulated as a document of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mher **Margaryan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex I to the letter dated 27 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Foreign Ministry of Armenia

25 May 2021

On May 25, Armenian serviceman, junior sergeant Gevorg Khurshudyan was fatally wounded by the fire of the armed units of Azerbaijan in the direction of the Upper Shorzha of Gegharkunik region of the Republic of Armenia.

We strongly condemn the blatant armed encroachment against the sovereign territory of Armenia – the UN member state, which is a violation of the norms of international law.

Despite calls from the international community, Azerbaijan refuses to withdraw its armed forces from the sovereign territory of Armenia, by further escalating the situation and undermining regional security and stability. The hostilities carried out by Azerbaijan in the sovereign territory of Armenia give the right to the Republic of Armenia to undertake the necessary and adequate steps to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to ensure the security of its population.

It's noteworthy that Azerbaijan tries to cover up these illegal military activities in the territory of Armenia by disseminating disinformation. The Armenian side is ready to engage in an international investigation to find out all the circumstances of this fatal incident.

Annex II to the letter dated 27 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia

27 May 2021

The Azerbaijani military units, which have infiltrated the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia since May 12, continue their provocative actions in a number of directions. As a result of one of them, in the early morning of May 27, in the bordering area of Gegharkunik region of the Republic of Armenia, while carrying out engineering works in the guarding sector of N military unit of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia six servicemen have been surrounded and captured by the servicemen of armed forces of Azerbaijan.

These provocative actions by the military-political leadership of Azerbaijan are aimed at further aggravating the situation, which could seriously undermine regional peace and stability.

We strongly condemn the use of force by the Azerbaijani side against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Armenia, and emphasize that the military-political leadership of Azerbaijan bears the responsibility for all the actions of the Azerbaijani armed forces and its consequences.

The captured Armenian servicemen must be returned immediately and unconditionally.
