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**From: Azerbaijan Open Government Platform**

**To: Secretary General of "Amnesty International"  
Ms. Julie Verhara**

The Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia that occupied 20% of the internationally recognized and accepted territory of the Azerbaijan Republic and has been occupying this territory for 30 years, started provocation once again on September 27, 2020. Military units of the Armenian Armed Forces stationed in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, and also subordinate terrorist groups and mercenary soldiers started intensive fire on populated areas and positions of Azerbaijan. To prevent such provocations and protect its civilians the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan were forced to start responsive military operations.

Due to the provocation of the Armenian Armed Forces, military operations continue in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijani Armed Forces were forced to launch military operations in order to liberate its occupied territories, to clear them from terrorists that have been building military bases and training centers in these areas for 30 years, and turned our lands into abandoned areas, and also to protect settlements and civilians from regular fire attacks. Also, despite the calls of the Azerbaijani leadership and the public, the Armenian political and military leadership did not take actual steps to prevent such provocations. On the contrary, they created conditions for military provocations against Azerbaijan by their provocative actions and statements. They illegally settled on the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. This policy of Armenia has been condemned by the UN, the Council of Europe and the European Union.

As a result of the fire on civilians and populated areas by the Armenian Armed Forces using various artillery systems, 27 civilians were killed, 141 people were injured and many houses and civil infrastructure facilities were severely damaged since 27.09.2020. Ganja, the second largest city of Azerbaijan, as well as Mingachevir city, Beylagan, Barda, Agjabadi, Goranboy and other regions were fired by banned missiles and installations. On October 4, 2020, two medium-range missiles were set off towards Khizi and Absheron regions, which are far from the territory of military operations. The Armenian Armed Forces used internationally banned high-destructive cluster munitions and "Smerch" missiles against all targets, including civilian and strategic facilities. In this regard the Azerbaijani side has provided undeniable evidence and proof.

Armenian military and political leadership throws off responsibility and claims that military operations against Azerbaijan were launched by the so-called "Nagorno-Karabakh Republic", which is not actually recognized by any state in the world. The political and military leadership of the Republic of Armenia is responsible, de facto and de jure, for attacks on civils and civilian infrastructure. The illegal regime established by the Republic of Armenia in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan is the result of aggression, ethnic cleansing and racial discrimination; it is under Armenian leadership and control.

As Azerbaijan Open Government Platform, we call "Amnesty International" organization to demonstrate an objective position and objectively assess these war crimes against humanity made by the Armenian Armed Forces.

This Appeal is signed by 44 members of Azerbaijan Open Government Platform

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