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Note verbale dated 13 September 2022 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

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia 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 inform on the following.

On 13 September 2022, at 00:05 local time, Azerbaijan launched a large-scale military aggression against the Republic of Armenia. The Azerbaijani armed forces, using heavy artillery, multiple rocket launchers and unmanned combat aerial vehicles, intensively shelled the cities of Goris, Jermuk, Vardenis, Kapan, Sotk and nearby villages of the Republic of Armenia. The civilian infrastructure and residential houses were deliberately targeted. By these actions, Azerbaijan grossly violates international human rights law and international humanitarian law. As a result of the Azerbaijani military attacks, there were numerous causalities.

This unprovoked and unjustified aggression against the sovereign territory of Armenia was yet another flagrant breach by Azerbaijan of the Charter of the United Nations and the trilateral ceasefire statement of 9 November 2020 by the leaders of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia.

In light of Azerbaijan’s clearly pre-planned and premeditated aggression, there is an urgent need for the international community to take decisive and adequate action and steps to immediately stop Azerbaijan’s aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Armenia and prevent further escalation of the situation on the ground.

The Republic of Armenia calls upon its friends and partners to take a firm stance on Azerbaijan’s aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Armenia.

The Permanent Mission of Armenia kindly requests the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate the present note verbale as a document of the Human Rights Council under agenda item 4.