

The Republic of Azebaijan Security Council January 7, 2012

Re: The Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh

It is with the utmost urgency that the Republic of Azerbaijan addresses the Security Council today. Within the past few days, even the last few hours, Armenia has again committed aggression and atrocities against the Azeri people and made a mockery of the United Nations Charter. As we speak, innocent Azeri civilians are being terrorized by the duplicitous and violent mafia that masquerades as a government in Yerevan. Further proof of Armenia's mendacity may be observed in its attempts to consolidate its illegal occupation of the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave and 7 Azeri territories that have been the victims of Armenian aggression and brutality for two decades now. Let us be clear, however; Armenia would never dare to act in such a callous and brutal fashion if they were not being encouraged to do so by arms dealers, criminals, and mercenaries operating with the consent of Moscow, perhaps even directly from the Kremlin itself. Azerbaijan will not permit Stepanakert to be turned into another Grozny.

Armenia's repeated violations of Security Council resolutions 822, 853, 874, and 884 stretch back nearly 19 years now. How long must the international community tolerate this flagrant disregard for international law and the rights and dignity of the Azeri people? Only through a comprehensive peace settlement that firmly establishes a clear and feasibly implemented timeline for a plebiscite on the final status of Nagorno-Karabakh, complete withdrawal of all Armenian forces from Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh, the right of all Azeri refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) to return to their homes and to be compensated for losses incurred as a result of illegal Armenian military operations, and a referral of all Armenian government and military officials that have planned and carried out these attacks and this unlawful occupation to relevant courts will sustainable peace, security, and development be possible for the Azeri people and the entire southern Caucasus region.

If the Security Council fails to act, Azerbaijan will have no choice but to resolve this crisis through judicious use of appropriate and proportionate diplomatic, economic, political, and military options. We implore the Security Council to act quickly and decisively, to enforce previously established resolutions, and to order an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from all Azeri territory, including the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave.