

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan 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 (OHCHR) and with reference to the former's Note Verbal Ref. 0477/22/20/18, dated 13 November 2020 has the honor to transmit herewith the enclosed updated report of the relevant authorities of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the use of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries by the Republic of Armenia in its recent aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Permanent Mission requests the Secretariat to record the updated report as a part of response given by the Government of Azerbaijan to the joint communication of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment concerning the alleged "use of Syrian fighters to take part in military operations in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict" dated 6 November 2020.

The Permanent Mission requests also the Secretariat to circulate the updated report to the Members of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries for taking necessary actions, including by publicly expressing their concerns with regard to the recruitment and the use of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries by Armenia in violation of international human rights and humanitarian law.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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