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### Declaration on behalf of the Division of Biological and Medical Sciences, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences

Nagorno-Karabakh, an integral part of Azerbaijan, has been occupied by the Armenian armed forces and terrorist groups since 1988, and the Azerbaijani population has been forcibly evicted from 126 settlements. On February 26, 1992, one of the most tragic events of the 20th century was committed - the city of Khojaly in Nagorno-Karabakh, inhabited by 6,000 Azerbaijanis, was destroyed overnight by the Armenian armed forces with the help of the 366th Regiment of the former Soviet Army, as a result of which 613 civilians died, including 106 women, 63 children, 70 elderly people, more than 1000 people were injured, 1275 people were taken prisoner, 8 families were completely destroyed, 56 people were burned alive with special cruelty and ruthlessness.

Four UN Security Council Resolutions have been passed during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and all of them demanded the liberation of Azerbaijani territories (UN's resolutions on the conflict: 822, 30.04.1993; 853, 29.07.1993; 874, 14.10.1993; 884, 12.11.1993 - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_United\\_Nations\\_Security\\_Council\\_resolutions\\_on\\_the\\_Nagorno-Karabakh\\_conflict](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_Nations_Security_Council_resolutions_on_the_Nagorno-Karabakh_conflict)).

On September 27th, 2020 Armenia launched a military attack on Azerbaijan. This was the 3rd military provocation by Armenia against Azerbaijan within 3 months. Azerbaijan has to give them an adequate response, as a result of that Azerbaijan Army liberated and continue to liberate part of the internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan.

The genocide committed by the Armenian fascists in Khojaly was repeated in Ganja at 4th, 8th, 10th and 17th October, 2020. As a result of the rocket attacks on the city of Ganja, which has a population of about 350 thousand people, 26 civilians were killed, 125 people, including women and infants, were injured. From September 27 to October 22, more than 290 civilians were injured and 65 civilians were killed. And Armenia continues to fire rockets at cities far from the conflict zones.

Armenia unequivocally ignores the norms and principles of international law. The international community must realize that this is not an ordinary event, but an act of terrorism, genocide and crime against humanity committed at the state level. We call on the whole world to support in every possible way the right cause of Azerbaijan and help ensure our territorial integrity.

We hope Armenia must receive an answer to its crime and terror. We believe that terrorism do not have a nationality. The terrorism committed by Armenia against Azerbaijan civilians could be continued in other countries. Who is the next? Noone can predict it. Therefore we have to stop the Armenian terrorism right now and all together. Otherwise next can be your country and your citizens.

Truth and justice are on our side!

We ask you to be on the right side, with us and support our fair cause!

Karabakh is Azerbaijan!

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