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Excellency,

Upon instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/205 of 20 December 2018, entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, I have the honour to submit to you a report on the incidents that have recently happened in relation to the diplomatic missions and representatives of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

Yashar Aliyev  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. António Guterres  
Secretary-General of the  
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The Republic of Azerbaijan reports the following incidents that have recently happened in relation to its diplomatic missions and representatives.

## **I. The Netherlands**

On 16 July 2020 around 12:00 p.m. members of the Garegin Nzhdeh Armenian Youth Association placed a banner reading “Azerbaijan terrorist state” in front of the building of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Hague, the Netherlands. The banner was removed by the local police officers after about an hour.

On 17 July 2020, a poster reading “Stand with Armenia. Stop Azerbaijan” was placed in front of the Embassy by the members of the local radical Armenian Diaspora. The poster was removed by the Embassy staff. The incidents were brought to the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Security and diplomatic police authorities of the Netherlands.

On 18 July 2020, members of Armenian Diaspora in the Netherlands organized demonstration in front of the Embassy of Azerbaijan in the Hague. Although being officially permitted, shortly after its commencement the demonstration turned violent. Some of the protestors had worn t-shirts promoting the notorious Armenian terrorist organization ASALA (Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia). Consequently, local police authorities had to forcefully stop the protest earlier than it was scheduled to end.

Following the demonstration, one of the Armenian protestors named Rita Khatchadorian shared, in her social network account, a message reading “I could kill for this country” testifying to the aggressive nature of the demonstrations.

## **II. France**

On 18 July 2020, in Strasbourg in front of the premises of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Council of Europe a member of the local Armenian diaspora left a box with an apricot inside and an Armenian flag on it and a soft monkey toy with Azerbaijani flag on it.

On 22 July 2020, in Strasbourg in front of the premises of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan another member of the local Armenian Diaspora sitting in his car started to aggressively shout slogans for about a minute and once finished shouting, he threw an empty metallic bottle to the premises of the Permanent Mission. The Permanent Mission reported about both incidents to the local police authorities.

On 19 July 2020 around 1.00 p.m. representatives of the local Armenian community started to gather in front of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Paris to hold unsanctioned demonstration. Information about the intention of the Armenian community to organize a demonstration was distributed in advance on the Internet.

The Embassy notified the local police authorities about this intention immediately after the info has been obtained from open sources. Following the request of the Embassy, local police

authorities appeared at the place of demonstration. Demonstration started with aggressive slogans against Azerbaijan and later turned violent. Different hazardous objects were thrown to the premises of the Embassy and several parts of the Embassy building, including windows were damaged. Three demonstrators were detained due to their violent behavior against police officers. The incident was brought to the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Internal Affairs of France.

### **III. Belgium**

On 22 July 2020, the members of Armenian community of Belgium organized demonstration in front of the Embassy of Azerbaijan accompanied by violent actions and attacks against the premises of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Kingdom of Belgium in Brussels.

During the protests, sharp objects and various other tools (stones, pyrotechnic articles, paintball shells, bottles, shoes, etc) were thrown to the premises of the Embassy of Azerbaijan which caused severe injuries among the members of Azerbaijani community who were standing within the fences of Embassy building to peacefully demonstrate solidarity with the Embassy.

As a result of attacks female correspondent of the Azerbaijani private news agency REAL and some other members of Azerbaijani community were seriously wounded and taken to the hospital, while serious damage was inflicted upon the Embassy building. Staff members of the Embassy had also got minor injuries.

Even more worrying fact is the effort of demonstrators to penetrate into the Embassy premises which was appropriately documented by the local police officers. It is regretful that the permission for holding such demonstration was granted by Belgian authorities without taking into consideration the recent vandalism acts perpetrated by Armenian community of Belgium in relation to the Embassy premises and national symbol of Azerbaijan. It's worth to mention in this regard that the Embassy premises serve also as the residential area for the Embassy staff members and their families. This fact was also brought to the attention of the Belgian authorities.

In the face of growing aggression by Armenian protesters, the local police authorities were compelled to use force against protesters and detained 15 members of Armenian community in Brussels. Investigations are still underway.

### **IV. Australia**

On 18 July 2020 at around 7.00 a.m. four members of the Armenian Youth Federation placed a banner in the premises of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Canberra (premises are not surrounded by barrier). Intruders were reported to the local police.

### **V. Poland**

On 16 July 2020 at around 2.00 p.m. Armenian-Polish Social Committee (Ormiańsko-Polski Komitet Społeczny) organized demonstration in front of the Embassy of the Republic of

Azerbaijan in Warsaw. Since announcement on the demonstration was made publicly a day before, the members of Azerbaijani community of Poland were also present at the time of demonstration in front of the Embassy premises, on their own will without any appeal by the Embassy, to show solidarity with their compatriot diplomats.

Embassy of Azerbaijan in Poland has made several warnings to the Polish authorities in advance in order not to permit the demonstration due to the recent vandalism acts committed in other European cities against the diplomatic representations of Azerbaijan. However, Polish authorities did not take into account those appeals.

Although the demonstration was thought to be led by the Armenian-Polish Social Committee, in fact 2 Armenian Archimandrites orchestrated the actions of Armenian demonstrators. Armenian Achimandrite Taron Gulyan attempted from the very beginning to hurt the religious sentiments of Azerbaijani community members by drawing cross towards Muslim Azerbaijani demonstrators, thus instigating tension between the two sides. This happened in front of Polish police officers who have not properly assessed the situation and have not intervened to halt the provocations of Armenian side.

Once the demonstration was over, one of the Armenian demonstrators moved apart from the main group in the opposite direction and approached the Embassy of Azerbaijan with Armenian flag and insulted the people of Azerbaijan in Polish and Armenian languages. Local police officers did not do anything to prevent him doing so, thus created condition conducive for resumption of tension. Inactivity of Polish police officers compelled 2 Azerbaijani community members to approach the Armenian provoker themselves for halting his actions. However, Polish police officers immediately stopped them and detained. The consular officer of the Embassy of Azerbaijan, while trying to clarify the situation with the police officer, faced inadequate reaction of the police who pushed her back roughly.

The same police officers used excessive force against another diplomat of the Embassy of Azerbaijan, Mr. El Khan Aliyev, who, while holding his accreditation card, was trying to explain the police officers that the consular officer enjoys diplomatic immunity. He was brutally beaten by the police officers and handcuffed. He was later released following the persistent attempts of the Embassy officials.

Since then the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Poland has made several appeals to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland to take appropriate measures in relation to the police officer who had attacked the diplomat in violation of Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. However, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland has failed so far to provide adequate remedy. Instead, based on unknown material provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland, the Prosecutor General's Office of Poland has launched an investigation on alleged violation of immunity of the police officer.

## **VI. Sweden**

On 15 July 2020, there was an act of vandalism against the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Sweden committed by a group of Armenian radical activists. The entrance of the building was covered with insulting slogans.

Besides, the vehicle of the diplomatic mission of Rwanda standing in front of the premises of the Embassy of Azerbaijan was mistakenly perceived to be the property of the Embassy of Azerbaijan and was painted with offensive language. The intruders have not yet been identified and the investigation is underway. Sweden made an ex gratia payment to remove the writings from the entrance of the Embassy.

## **VII. United States of America**

On 21 July 2020, at around 03:15 a.m. local time, 3 unidentified persons were caught by the surveillance cameras of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Washington, D.C. who brought a banner with the slogan "Azerbaijan=terrorist state" and attached it to the front door of the Embassy. In the aftermath, the intruders took the photo of the banner and left the scene. Due to the night vision limitation of the surveillance cameras, it was not possible to identify the faces of the individuals.

Preliminary research through the open sources revealed that, the photos taken in front of the Embassy made its first public appearance in Los Angeles-based Armenian web-site "Zartonk Media", and in its "Facebook" and "Instagram" accounts.

The Embassy submitted all the related materials of the incident for the investigation to the Security Service of the USA and requested additional security measures for adequate protection of the premises of the Embassy. The Embassy has also sent information to the local branch of the Federal Investigation Bureau of the USA for investigating the action as hate crime on national basis.

On 21 July 2020, radical Armenian Dashnaks living in Los Angeles city staged a protest with aggressive and provocative slogans in front of the General Consulate of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles.

In response to the action of Armenian radical groups, members of the Azerbaijani community in California marched out towards the numerous Armenian provocateurs that exceeded them in numbers and raised the slogans exposing Armenia's aggression against Azerbaijan and its policy of ethnic cleansing.

Radical Armenian Dashnaks demonstrated violence and aggression against peaceful Azerbaijani protesters in such a way that even Los Angeles police failed to prevent their vandalism. Armenian radicals attacked Azerbaijani protesters and injured seven people, including a woman.

The Los Angeles Police Department is investigating the assaults against Azerbaijanis as hate crimes.