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Excellency,

Upon instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and in accordance with paragraph 11 (a) of General Assembly resolution 75/139 of 15 December 2020, 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 an incident involving a serious violation of the protection, security and safety of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in London and its staff on 4 August 2022.

I should be grateful if you would have the said report circulated to all States, in accordance with paragraph 12 (b) of the aforementioned resolution.

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

Yashar Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the
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On Thursday, 4 August 2022, at around 16.30 local time (London, UK), a violent extremist group based in the United Kingdom and called The Mahdi Servants Union (MSU) staged a violent attack against the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in London. The group comprised 40-45 people. During the attack, the members of the group forced open the front door of the Embassy as well as climbed up the balcony on the first floor with the help of a ladder they had brought with themselves.

As a result of the violent attack, the attackers vandalized the Embassy building, put down the State flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan and replaced it with their own so-called "flag". They also put up posters, wrote slogans on the Embassy walls, smashed windows and doors, causing significant damage to the building. The initial estimates represent a significant monetary damage.

About 2 hours after the launch of the attack, the local police intervened, took the group members out of the building and detained them.

In the course of the attack, three staff members of the Embassy (including a woman), who were inside the building, were subjected to psychological trauma. The Embassy staff remained inside the building for about an hour under direct attack and threats. Following the attack, staff members continue to function in an atmosphere of constant anxiety and insecurity.

Most worryingly, the above-mentioned group continues to harass the Embassy and its staff through its social media accounts.

The attack was carried out in broad daylight in one of the busiest areas in London, where several diplomatic missions are located.

Azerbaijan requested the UK authorities to conduct a proper investigation of the incident and to provide appropriate security measures for the Embassy premises and the staff.

The police investigation is ongoing.