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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 the reports on the incidents involving serious violations of the protection, security and safety of the Embassies of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their staff in Paris and Washington D.C.

I should be grateful if you would have the said reports 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  
United Nations  
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## **Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives**

### **Report**

On Sunday, 18 September 2022, at around 14:00 local time (Paris, France), representatives of the local Armenian community (about 200 people) began to gather in front of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the French Republic for an unsanctioned demonstration. The demonstration started with aggressive slogans against Azerbaijan and later turned violent. A group of people approached the Embassy and set on fire the flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Armenian radicals then overturned the iron fence in front of the Embassy, after which one of the participants used the broken iron fence to hit the door of the Embassy, breaking its lock. After that, the radicals began throwing paraffin and small metal objects into the premises of the Embassy and its staff member who was inside.

In the course of the attack, the staff member of the Embassy was subjected to physical and psychological trauma. He remained inside the building under direct attack and threats.

Most worryingly, 5 days after the above-mentioned attack, on Friday, 23 September 2022, another offensive action was attempted against the Cultural Service of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the French Republic, during an event held in the building. A group of Armenian radicals tried to attack the premises of the Cultural Service and threw paint at the facade of the building, shouting insulting and threatening slogans at the diplomats, as well as at the other guests attending the event.

Another act of vandalism against the Embassy was committed at night on Saturday, 1 October 2022, when a group of Armenian radicals attempted to paint writings on and throw paint at the facade of the Embassy building. As a result of the prompt reaction of the Embassy staff, the attempt was foiled.

All the incidents were brought to the attention of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the French Republic.

Azerbaijan requested the French authorities to conduct a proper investigation of the above-mentioned attacks and provide, in accordance with its obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, appropriate security measures for the premises and staff of the Embassy and the Cultural Service of the Embassy and demanded to bring the perpetrators to justice.

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**Report**

On Tuesday, 11 October 2022, at 00:16 local time (Eastern Time, Washington D.C.), an unknown vehicle approached the building of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Washington D.C. (2741 34<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington D.C. 20008) and opened fire on the diplomatic vehicle (red color Toyota Sienna/plate no: DGE 0053) parked in front of its administrative building, as a result of which the car's rear window was broken. The suspect drove away immediately from the crime scene.

The Embassy immediately informed the relevant U.S. Government authorities about the incident, and the CCTV footages were presented accordingly.

The Embassy was informed by the relevant U.S. Government agencies about the ongoing investigation. According to the initial report of the U.S. authorities, six different vehicles in the vicinity of the Embassy building were vandalized the same way at approximately the same time, however, the vehicle and its driver have not been identified yet, and it is not clear whether the attack was committed by the same person.

A proper investigation into the incident and the provision of appropriate security measures for the premises of the Embassy and its staff were requested.

Most worryingly, on 20 October 2022, two bullets/pellets believed to belong to BB (Bearing Balls) Gun (weapon or gun that shoots plastic or small metal pellets) were found by the Embassy staff members in the backyard of the Embassy, while the diplomatic vehicle of the Embassy that was attacked was parked in front of the building. The relevant U.S. authorities were immediately contacted. A group of criminologists and crime experts investigated the scene and collected the bullets/pellets for further investigation.

The police investigation is still ongoing.

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