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**The responsibility to protect and the prevention of
genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes
against humanity**

**Letter dated 4 March 2025 from the Permanent Representative of
Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I am transmitting herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the thirty-seventh anniversary of the massacres in Sumgait (see annex).

The atrocities in Sumgait were the beginning of a State-orchestrated series of large-scale massacres against the Armenian population in Azerbaijan, which continued with the same brutality in Baku, Kirovabad and Maragha, manifesting a policy of hatred and xenophobia against Armenians.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32, 69, 71, 84 and 132, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mher **Margaryan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 4 March 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the Foreign Ministry of Armenia on the thirty-seventh anniversary of the massacres in Sumgait

27 February 2025

During these days in 1988, from February 27 to 29, a series of atrocities were carried out in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait, which marked the beginning of large-scale massacres against Armenians in that country, openly orchestrated and sponsored by the state, turning decades of pressure and persecution into overt and widespread violence.

The mass murders and torture of citizens of Armenian origin in Sumgait continued with the same patterns and horrifying brutality in Baku, Kirovabad and Maragha. As a result of these events, hundreds of Armenians were killed and around half a million were forcibly displaced. The cycles of violence persisted until as recently as September 2023, when the Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh was completely subjected to ethnic cleansing.

As we recall these events, we pay tribute each year to the memory of the innocent victims. At the same time, we believe that these are not merely dates of remembrance but moments to reaffirm the necessity of overcoming enmity to prevent the recurrence of such tragedies in the future.
