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Dear ICAPP Standing Committee Members,

The rocket attacks by the Armenian armed forces using destructive missile systems against the civilian population of Azerbaijan, and the killing of civilians, women and children, which are serious war crimes, are becoming more widespread and having serious consequences.

As the result of the Scud missile fire by the Armenian armed forces on civilians in the central part of Ganja, the second largest city of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on October 17, at least 14 people, including three children were killed, more than 50 people were seriously injured, dozens of houses and numerous civilian infrastructures were destroyed.

This is the second bloody war crime committed by the Armenian armed forces in Ganja in a week. On October 11, the Tochka-U missile system fired on the city, killing 10 people, including 5 women, and seriously injuring 34 people, including 16 women and 6 children. The attack damaged more than 10 apartment buildings and over 100 different facilities. Both massacres took place at night while people were sleeping.

Also, on October 11, 2020, the Armenian armed forces once again targeted the Mingachevir Hydroelectric Power Station, the largest thermal power plant in the South Caucasus, and fired missiles at Mingachevir, a large industrial city more than 100 km far from the frontline.

A few days ago, three civilians were killed by a shell fired by Armenia during a funeral in a cemetery in the Tartar region.

These are just a few examples of crimes against humanity committed in recent days on the orders of the political and military leadership of Armenia. As a result of criminal attacks by Armenia since September 27, at least 60 civilians, including schoolchildren, have been killed, more than 250 wounded, and 2,000 houses and other civilian facilities have been destroyed.

With such terrorist acts that are incompatible with the notion of cultural society, Armenia is committing crimes against humanity, violating the norms and principles of international law, the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols, as well as the requirements of the humanitarian ceasefire that came into force on October 10, 2020.

We, the New Azerbaijan Party, call on the international community, as well as partner political parties and international political party organizations, to strongly condemn Armenia's terrorist attacks on civilians.

Sincerely yours,

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