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Sixtieth year****The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan****Letter dated 24 August 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the address of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the voters in Khankendi Constituency No. 122 of Azerbaijan concerning the upcoming elections to the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, to be held on 6 November 2005.

In the address the Government of Azerbaijan invites the Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian origin living in Khankendi, Shusha, Khojali, Khojavend and other residencies in the region together with their countrymen to exercise their active right to vote in Khankendi Constituency No. 122 and Shusha-Fuzuli-Khojali-Khojavend Constituency No. 124, as well as their passive suffrage in constituencies located in all regions of Azerbaijan. The above-mentioned appeal derives from the relevant provisions of the Constitution and other legislative acts of Azerbaijan and is aimed at establishing solidarity in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan attaches great importance to the involvement of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in this process and the implementation of this initiative through the Office of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were urgently distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 163, and of the Security Council.

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**Address of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the voters in the Khankendi Constituency No. 122 concerning the launching of the Constituency for the third-call elections to the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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The date of holding third-call elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been set at 6 November 2005 by the Presidential Order of 4 July 2005, and the election process has already started. As a governmental body that prepares and conducts all elections in our country, the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has created all the necessary conditions to hold transparent, democratic and legitimate elections as well as to exercise the rights of all citizens having suffrage, including Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian origin, to elect and to be elected to State bodies as envisaged by articles 2 and 56 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Having occupied 20 per cent of the territories of Azerbaijan, Armenia has been continuously ignoring the resolutions and appeals of the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and other international organizations regarding the necessity to stop the aggression and settle the conflict in a peaceful way and, for more than 10 years, it has been massively violating the constitutional rights and freedoms of thousands of Azerbaijani citizens expelled from their lands and living under occupation.

As a result of the establishment of a puppet-separatist regime by the Republic of Armenia in the large area of the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, the Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian origin became victims of ridicule by a group of political speculators, and were also deprived of their active and passive suffrage apart from other constitutional rights provided by the State to which they belong. Repeated efforts by the puppet regime to give an impression of holding legitimate elections do not guarantee their legal rights, and the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan calls upon Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian origin to cooperate in eliminating the separatist regime in order to ensure their own constitutional rights.

The election rights of the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan who were forced to flee from their native lands as a result of aggression have been ensured, to the extent possible, in all the elections and referendums held in the country so far. Therefore, no distinction has been made between Azerbaijani citizens based on their ethnic origin. The establishment of Khankendi Constituency No. 122, which is one of several constituencies of internally displaced persons created within the country, serves this very cause.

The necessity to establish the above-mentioned constituency stems from the peaceful policy of the Government of Azerbaijan, its concern about the fate of its own citizens and its desire that all Azerbaijanis may take advantage of the country's increasing economic power and democratic values. Certain measures should be taken in accordance with the requirements of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan in order to provide the citizens who have lived and those that still live within this constituency with electoral identification. Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian origin in Khankendi, Shusha, Khojali, Khojavend and other residences in

the region together with their countrymen can exercise their active suffrage in Khankendi Constituency No. 122 and Shusha-Fuzuli-Khojali-Khojavend Constituency No. 124, as well as their passive suffrage in the constituencies located in all regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Central Election Commission believes, that regardless of their ethnic origin, all citizens, including those of Armenian origin, will participate in these elections and by being represented in the Milli Majlis will also gain the opportunity to fully enjoy all of their other rights provided by the Government of Azerbaijan.

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