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To H.E. Vaqif Sadiqov  
Ambassador of Azerbaijan to  
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Your Excellency,

In November, the COP 29 United Nations Climate Change Conference will be held in Baku. This is a significant event and the attention of the international community will be focused on Your country and its prestigious capital.

You are no doubt aware of the many concerns raised by the conflicts that took place during previous years in Your region, especially the Azeri offensive in September 2023 in Nagorno Karabakh and subsequent developments. The COP 29 will certainly be an occasion to address these issues, among others, with the High Representatives of Your country.

I share many of those concerns and I sincerely hope that the reinforced diplomatic activity around the forthcoming United Nations conference in Baku will help ease some of the most urgent problems. I would in particular encourage Your Authorities to put renewed efforts in the peace process with Armenia. I remain deeply preoccupied by the possibility of further violations of the territorial integrity of Armenia and would wholeheartedly encourage Your High Authorities to conclude, at the earliest possible date, a peace agreement with their esteemed counterparts in Erevan. Furthermore, I would welcome a commitment by Your High Authorities to preserve the Armenian cultural heritage in Nagorno Karabakh.

Your Excellency might be aware of the fact that a number of personalities are currently held in Azerbaijan on grounds that are vividly disputed. I would like to join my voice to those who respectfully request the High Authorities of Azerbaijan to release these persons and thus contribute to a substantial improvement of the overall situation in Your region. For Your Excellency's convenience, I mention hereafter the names of the concerned persons:

1. Ilahverdyan Davit
2. Babayan Madat
3. Balayan Levon
4. Beglaryan Rashid

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5. Beglaryan Vasili
6. Davtyan Davit
7. Euljekjian Vicken
8. Ghazaryan Erik
9. Khachatryan Vagif
10. Khosrovyan Alyosha
11. Martirosyan Garik
12. Mkrtchyan Lyudvig
13. Pashayan Melikset
14. Stepanyan Gurgun
15. Sujyan Gevorg,

### HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF NAGORNO KARABAKH

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| 1. | Ghukasyan Arkadi   | (Former President)                   |
| 2. | Sahakyan Bako      | (Former President)                   |
| 3. | Harutyunyan Arayik | (Former President)                   |
| 4. | Ishkhanyan Davit   | (President of the National Assembly) |
| 5. | Babayan Davit      | (Minister of Foreign Affairs)        |
| 6. | Vardanyan Ruben    | (Former State Minister)              |
| 7. | Mnatsakanyan Lyova | (Former General of the Defense Army) |
| 8. | Manukyan Davit     | (Former General of the Defense Army) |

I am convinced that the international community would look very favourably on the release of these persons and welcome the humanitarian character of such a gesture.

Please accept, Your Excellency, my sincere gratitude for the support that You might consider giving to this request.

Sincerely Yours,

