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Dear Mr. President,

Based on information I have received from ACAT Luxembourg, I wish to express my grave concern about the ongoing human rights violations in Azerbaijan. I respectfully request that you enforce respect for freedom of expression and assembly in your country, release all political prisoners and stop politically motivated arrests. Journalists and human rights lawyers must be able to practice their profession freely and politically active people must be allowed to peacefully stand up for their convictions, whether in an opposition party, an NGO or by taking part in a demonstration.

I also urge you, Mr. President, to investigate the evidence of war crimes committed by your armed forces in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. I am deeply concerned by reports of the use of cluster bombs and other methods resulting in the deaths of numerous civilians. The disturbing reports of abuses and killings of prisoners of war under your responsibility must have legal consequences. In light of these clear violations of international humanitarian law, I urge you to ensure that an independent investigation is carried out and that all those responsible are identified. Furthermore, the whereabouts of all Armenian prisoners of war must be clarified and they must be released immediately.

I respectfully request that you take all necessary steps to ensure respect for human rights in all areas under Azerbaijani control, in particular with regard to the Armenian civilian population.

Yours respectfully,

Signature

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