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To the members of the NATO PA Assembly

Dear Colleagues!

We are writing this letter to draw your attention to yet another tragedy caused by the Armenian Government. On June 4th, two journalists and a local official lost their lives and four others were injured in a mine blast in the region liberated from Armenian occupation. These journalists had been stationed in Kalbajar region to cover destruction caused by Armenians during the 30 years of occupation.

Azerbaijan has already defused over 35 000 mines in the area covering 100 million square meters since the signing of the Trilateral statement of November 10th. These mines have been implanted targeting civilian infrastructure, lampposts, canals, road junctions, courtyard entrances, cemeteries, riverbanks, and rural and urban paths.

Over 120 Azerbaijanis lost their lives and injured due to the mine explosions in the liberated territories since the end of the war. Despite numerous appeals by Azerbaijan as well as several international organisations and governments, Armenia still refuses to provide maps of hundreds of thousands of mines planted in the Azerbaijani territories during the three decades of occupation.

The incident that has occurred today proves once again that Armenia's refusal to provide mine maps amounts to another war crime committed by Armenia against Azerbaijani servicemen and civilians. Every mine explosion is an attack against peace and against the universal values and principles that we all stand for.

We are calling upon the international community to put more pressure on Armenia to fulfil its obligations in line with the international law and provide maps of minefields in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan.

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