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Dear Mr. Goose,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your partners of releasing on May 29 "*Banning Cluster Munitions: Government Policy and Practice*" the first report, observing the evolution of cluster munitions policy in 150 countries, including Azerbaijan, which has been affected by cluster munitions and has participated in the Oslo Process Meetings.

Having reviewed the report, we have revealed that on the **page 13** in the **first and second paragraphs**, as well as on the **page 233** the reference is made in the footnote **400** to Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, which is depicted as a separate actor among several states. As you may be well aware, the region of Nagorno-Karabakh has always been, continues to be and has been recognized by the whole international community as an integral part of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Given our extreme sensitivity to the issue in question, the Republic of Azerbaijan is **categorically opposed** to the idea of separating Nagorno-Karabakh region as an independent actor and I should be grateful if you could intervene to rectify the relevant information and display it as the territory of Azerbaijan in the above-mentioned report.

Look forward to hearing from you on this urgent and very important matter.

Sincerely,

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