<u>CONFLICT IN THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REGION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN</u>

We were informed by the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi through Ministry of External Affairs of Sri Lanka regarding the ongoing armed conflict in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Government of Azerbaijan requests the Government of Sri Lanka to inform Sri Lankan citizens, companies and other entities to be aware of the following:

- 1. Any visits by third-country nationals to the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan constitute a violation of the legislation of Azerbaijan, in particular.
- 2. Any transactions entered into with Armenia, its organs, natural and legal persons as well as with its subordinate separatist regime or any other individuals in relation to the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan are unlawful due to applicable international law.
- 3. Third country nationals visiting the Nagorno-karabakh region and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan are included in the list of those whose entry to Azerbaijan is denied.
- 4. Those involved in transactions in the Nagorno-Karabakh region performs at their own risk. Azerbaijan will not recognize such activities.

In this context, the Ministry of External Affairs of Sri Lanka wishes to inform the above regulations stipulated by the Government of Azerbaijan and consequences for Sri Lankan nationals, companies and other entities when visiting and engaging in activities in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and occupied territories of Azerbaijan.