

Pledge submitted by Azerbaijan to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat December 2023

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Pledge Number 1: The Government of Azerbaijan will continue its efforts to clarify the fates of four thousand persons who went missing as a result of the military aggression of Armenia. The DNA samples collected from the family members of the missing persons will be used for the identification of the remains found in the mass graves in the liberated territories. The search operations for the remains in the mass graves will be continued in cooperation with relevant international partners, and necessary information on whereabouts of the missing persons and geographical coordinates of the mass graves will be sought in order to effectively solve the cases of missing persons.

Pledging entity: The State Commission on Prisoners of War, Hostages and Missing Persons

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2033

Pledge Number 2: According to the first stage of Great Return program, the State Committee has an obligation to ensure the right of one hundred and forty thousand IDPs to return to their ancestral homes in liberated territories of Azerbaijan, namely in Garabagh and Eastern Zangezur in safety, dignity and voluntarily by 2026.

Pledging entity: State Committee for Affairs of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2026

Pledge Number 3: Ensuring the safe return of internally displaced persons to their homelands and clearing the liberated territories from explosive remnants of war.

Pledging entity: Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ANAMA)

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2030

Pledge Number 4: Clearing the liberated territories from landmines and explosive remnants of war to ensure the safe return of internally displaced persons to their homeland.

Pledging entity: Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ANAMA)

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2050