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Azerbaijan Affirms NATO Actions in Libya, However Points to Double Standards

The Azerbaijani authorities has voiced its position over the UN Security Council's resolution on no-fly zone over Libya and protection of civilians, as well as the halt of Libyan Leader Muammar al-Gaddafi's military actions against rebels. Mr. Ali Hasanov, the Head of Azerbaijan's Presidential Administration socio-political department said that, the UN Security Council resolution demanding the halt of the military actions against civilians was worth of approving. "While the UN Security Council resolution against the Libyan leader is implemented promptly and with a great will, its four resolutions against Armenia have not been fulfilled for over 20 years. This gives ground to say about the existence of double standards in the international policy, as well as double-sided policy of the countries that greatly influence on the formation of the international policy and development of the relations among nations and states," Mr. Hasanov added. "Ensuring the security of civilians in Libya is, of course, an important issue. However, such activities must have been also taken in respect to thousands of Azerbaijanis killed by Armenian armed forces... Gaddafi's actions are not crueller and more tragic than atrocities and genocides committed by Armenia in Khojaly and other regions of Azerbaijan. The number of Azerbaijanis killed during the occupation of Azerbaijan's territories by Armenia by ten times more than the number of rebels killed in clashes with Gaddafi's troops in Libya. People injured more during the Armenian occupation, than those who suffered during the military action in Libya. Following the genocide of Muslims in Balkans, the UN Security Council created the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Why those who committed crimes in Khojaly and other places should not be brought to the International Tribunal?! The international community, given the failure of the OSCE Minsk Group's long-term activity and its reluctance to exert pressure on Armenia, must urgently express its attitude on the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and ensure the implementation of the UN Security Council four resolutions, as in case of Libya. The international community must put an end to double standards and

respect the decisions taken by the UN Security Council," Hasanov stressed.

Figures of Azerbaijan in ICT Sector for 2010

Azerbaijani communications enterprises invested 110 million manat in the communications sector in 2010, the Cabinet of Ministers said today (1 Manat \approx 1.20 Canadian Dollar). The volume of the services provided in the ICT sector in 2010 increased by 29.7% and reached 1161.3 million manat compared to the 2009 figures. Some 78.6% of the income earned in the field fell to communications services provided by the non-state sector. The amount of rendered services grew steadily from 2004 to 2010. The figure was 356.2 million manat in 2004, 488.9 million manat in 2005, 599.9 million manat in 2006, 735.4 million manat in 2007, 967.8 million manat in 2008, 1.081 billion manat in 2009 and 1.161 billion manat in 2010. A significant portion of the country's telecommunications network was transferred into the e-form. The country completed the laying of a fiber-optic cable line with a length of 240 kilometers, which made it possible to connect most of the country to the network. The fitting capacity of the country's telephone network increased by more than 71.9 units to over 1.66 million units at the expense of the investment projects. The number of computers was 14 units per 100 people, with 45 Internet users per 100 people, of whom 12% use broadband Internet access. The subscriber bases of Baku Telephone Communications and Aztelekom increased by 3,994 units to 27,294 units since early 2010. The CDMA network covered 70 percent of the country's settlements. Mobile penetration in the country reached 100% in 2010. The number of mobile subscribers increased by 1.2 million to 8.9 million in Azerbaijan. The amount of income received by the mobile sector increased by 30.2% to 782.6 million manat. Of this figure, 73.6% fell to the mobile communications sector. During the reporting period, ICT sector revenues increased by 77.6% to \$91.8 million manat compared to 2009.