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According to the media outlets, the Russian Federation has delivered military equipment and munitions to Armenia worth 800 mln. US dollars. An internet site www.mediaforum.az provides documents proving that the Russian Federation has delivered ammunitions to the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia from its military base #102 situated in Gumri city of the Republic of Armenia. The investigation carried out provides real evidence for concluding that the delivery of munitions has indeed taken place.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan expresses its deep concern over this fact. The delivered munitions will strengthen the military potential of the country that occupies part of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan considers that the delivery of munitions will further consolidate the occupation.

Such a delivery directly violates UN Security Council resolutions on Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and UN General Assembly resolution on “The Situation in the Occupied Territories of Azerbaijan” adopted on March 14th, 2008. What matters is that, first of all, the Russian Federation has broken her commitment not to assist by any means in the continuation and consolidation of the occupation of Azerbaijani territories.

Regarding these deliveries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan expresses its particular concern in the context of Azerbaijan’s aspirations towards the friendly and close strategic partnership relations that exist between the Russian Federation and Azerbaijan, as well as towards Russia’s mediator role in the settlement of Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The Foreign Ministry considers that the above-mentioned facts put particular responsibility on Russia for the potential derailing of the conflict resolution.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan expresses its protest against such actions which contributes to the consolidation of the occupation. The Azerbaijani side urges the Russian Federation to take all measures to reverse the outcome of its actions.

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