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Dear BGR Group:

It has come to the attention of the Armenian Bar Association, an association comprised of hundreds of judges, attorneys, and law students worldwide, that BGR Group continues to provide strategic advice, advocacy, and communications strategies for the Republic of Azerbaijan. On behalf of the Armenian Bar Association, the people of Artsakh and Armenia, and the vast Armenian Diaspora, we hereby ask that BGR Group permanently sever its relationship with the Government of Azerbaijan.

As you are aware, on September 27, 2020, your client, Azerbaijan, launched a sudden and sweeping attack upon the Republic of Artsakh and its ethnic Armenian populace. Azerbaijan's illegal invasion, which flies in the face of decades of negotiated cease-fire agreements and resolutions for peace, has raged into a human rights nightmare resulting in thousands of deaths with daily targeted and indiscriminate bombings of civilian communities, churches, schools, and hospitals, the latest of which included a maternity ward.

Azerbaijan's dictatorial president has always been vocal about his intent to eliminate Armenians from Artsakh. Aided and abetted by their chief ally Turkey, the country which carried out the genocide of Armenians in 1915, it is abundantly clear that Azerbaijan is determined to repeat the horrid anguish of history and cleanse Armenians from their rightful lands which their ancestors have inhabited for millennia. The situation is further aggravated by well-documented facts of thousands of mercenaries from terrorist groups in the Middle East being recruited by Turkey and transported to Azerbaijan for direct engagement in hostilities against Artsakh and Armenia.

On its website, BGR Group confidently boasts, "We are here to help." By lobbying on behalf of Azerbaijan, BGR is helping Azerbaijan murder women and children, displace tens of thousands of civilians, destroy places of worship, commit human rights atrocities, and ultimately, commit genocide. We understand it is difficult to cut off a client. But in this case, by and through its inhumanity, your client has handed you the scissors.

We, Armenians and the civilized world expect you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

ARMENIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Lucy Varpetian  
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