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**Subject:** Do Not Attend Event Honoring an Unrecognized Entity Occupying Azerbaijan's Internationally Recognized Territory

Good afternoon,

I understand that your office may have received an invitation to a congressional event tomorrow regarding "Artsakh Independence." I wanted to flag for you that the so-called "Republic of Artsakh" is not recognized by the United States nor the rest of the international community that are members of the United Nations. This illegal entity occupies Azerbaijan's internationally recognized territory of Nagorno Karabakh.

We urge you and others in your office to NOT attend this event. Attending would confer legitimacy to this illegal entity.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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