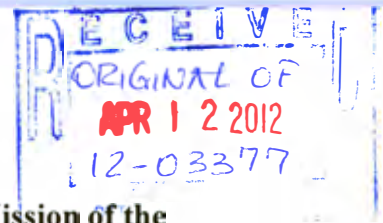


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Excellency,

I have the honour to draw your attention to a symposium titled "Toward Preventing Genocide. Nations Acknowledging Their Dark History: Psychosocial, Economic and Cultural Perspectives", scheduled to take place in the premises of the United Nations headquarters (Conference Room E (NLB)) from 3 to 6 pm on 12 April 2012. The organizers of this event are the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations and the Armenian non-governmental organizations.

We are aware that similar symposiums were organized in 2010 and 2011 and, under cover of alleged academic discussion, were used in reality to blame groundlessly some Member States, disseminate disinformation and promote enmity and hatred among peoples.

Proceeding from the co-sponsor's doubtful reputation, I am confident that at tomorrow's event they will make a yet another attempt to promote the ideas which are contrary to the fundamental principles of international law as well as to the moral and ethical principles of humanity.

It is our strong understanding that the United Nations cannot be used for activities that contradict the purposes and principles of its Charter as well as the ideals strictly adhered by the Organization. In this regard, I hope that the Secretariat will prevent the co-sponsors of the above-mentioned symposium from holding their event which is inconsistent with the objectives of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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