



# EUROPEAN ARMENIAN FEDERATION FOR JUSTICE & DEMOCRACY

**His Excellency President of the European Council  
Mr. Charles Michel**

Brussels, 16 June 2022

**Subject: Statement on the trilateral meeting with Prime Minister Pashinyan of Armenia and President Aliyev of Azerbaijan of 23 May 2022**

Honourable President of the European Council,  
Dear Mr. Michel,

As European organizations, active in the social and political life in the EU Members states, we express our profound discontent with your statement following the trilateral meeting with the Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and the Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev dating to 23 May 2022.

Mediating for peace is necessary and welcome. Nevertheless, it is essential to ensure that peace is negotiated based on justice and not by sacrificing the fundamental rights and needs of the side that has been a victim of vicious aggression of the tandem of two authoritarian regimes, such as Azerbaijan and Turkey which i.a. deployed jihadist fighters against the native Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh.

It is a pity that the press statement of 23 May disregards key principles of EU's documented approach towards the resolution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict and overall endorses the Azerbaijani stance on the conflict resolution in some crucial aspects. Deviating from the EU's decade-long approach as well as that of all the relevant international documents, the statement uses the vague wording "Karabakh" instead of "Nagorno Karabakh" which is a political entity with a defined territory. Thus, it repeats the narrative of the Azerbaijani President, insinuating that Nagorno Karabakh as an entity does not exist. As we witnessed, this only encouraged the Azerbaijani President to publicly express thoughts on 27 May which are detrimental to the logic of peace.

In this regard we welcome the statement by your spokesperson on 31 May 2022 which introduced important clarifications and emphasized key principles. We do hope that the future mediation as well as statements on it will do justice to negotiating an equitable and lasting peace.



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In March 2022, the European Parliament adopted a resolution by overwhelming majority on the ongoing destruction of the Armenian religious and cultural heritage in Nagorno Karabakh, acknowledging that “the erasure of the Armenian cultural heritage is part of a wider pattern of a systematic, state-level policy of Armenophobia, historical revisionism and hatred towards Armenians promoted by the Azerbaijani authorities”. Using the term Karabakh by the Azerbaijani authorities is clearly a part of the ongoing state policy of ethnic cleansing against the indigenous Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh. A policy which is genocidal in its essence.

We herewith call on you to base the mediation, in your capacity as the President of the European Council on the following facts and aspects:

- The Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the EU and Armenia (CEPA), which entered into force in March 2021, recognizes the need to achieve the settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict on the basis of the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and the OSCE Helsinki Final Act including the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, as one of the three Basic principles.
- Any control of Baku over Nagorno Karabakh inevitably means ethnic cleansing of its millennia-old native Armenian population. Hence the question of the status of Nagorno Karabakh which must reflect the democratic expression of will of the Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh is primordial in order to ensure the long-term, sustainable security of the population and guarantee their right to live in their homeland.
- Unblocking transportation/communication links must be carried out in full respect of the sovereignty of the Republic of Armenia. Any potential risk of creating a new ground for conflict must be excluded.
- Border delimitation and demarcation between Armenia and Azerbaijan cannot be a consequence of the use of force and must not be carried out hastily without taking into consideration all the details of its consequences.
- Azerbaijani must immediately stop its state policy of Armenophobia in all its manifestations
- Following the demand i.a. by the European Parliament as well as that of a number of parliaments of the EU Member states, Azerbaijan must immediately and unconditionally release all the Armenian prisoners of war and captives.

We will be closely following the processes. As EU citizens we do count on you and sincerely hope that in your important role as a mediator you act staying true to the values the European Union stands for.

Sincerely,



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