Position of the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding the peaceful settlement of the Armenia - Azerbaijan Nagorno Karabakh conflict

Referring to the Memorandum circulated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan at the OSCE on 3 December 2019, the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan reaffirms its readiness to live in a peaceful coexistence with the Armenian Community of Nagorno-Karabakh again within the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan as it was before.

According to the Helsinki Additional Meeting of the CSCE Council held in March 24, 1992, the Azerbaijani and Armenian communities of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan were recognized as two equal "interested parties". The denial of even the existence of the Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan as an interested party by Armenia is the violation of our fundamental rights and is against the spirit of documents adopted by the OSCE.

We, Azerbaijani Community of the Nagorno-Karabakh, demand the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the Armed Forces of Armenia from the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven adjacent districts of Azerbaijan, and return of the forcibly displaced Azerbaijani population to their homes, as enshrined in the UN Security Council resolutions adopted in 1993.

With the aim to contribute to the progress in the negotiations and in line with the Co-chairs’ statements on the need to prepare the population to peace, we stand ready to engage in an inter-community dialogue with the Armenian community of the Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

We strongly believe that the settlement of the conflict on these bases will create just and durable peace and favorable conditions for comprehensive economic development of the entire region and provide the peaceful coexistence of both communities in the Nagorno-Karabakh region within the boundaries of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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