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Azerbaijan – the first democratic Republic in the Orient

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The undersigned,

1. Considering that this year is the 90th anniversary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR) and its parliament as the first democratic republic and parliament in the Orient, established in 1918;
2. Noting that the ADR in its twenty-three months of existence (until the occupation of the territory of the territory of Azerbaijan by the Red Army) granted all rights to its people, such as freedom of speech and media, and also Azerbaijani women were granted suffrage and could be elected, whereas women in all oriental countries and many European countries did not have the same rights;
3. As a bridge between East and West, the ADR popularised a democratic spirit and cultural development, not only in the region but also in the Muslim world;
4. Call on the Council of Europe and its member states to evaluate positively the role of the ADR in promoting European values as was done two weeks ago by the representatives attending the ceremony dedicated to the 90th anniversary of the parliament organised in Baku.

Signed (see overleaf)



*Signed*¹:

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Total = 21

1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EDG: European Democrat Group
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
SOC: Socialist Group