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The necessity to call Azerbaijan to meet its commitments and obligations before the Council of Europe

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The Council of Europe has called on both Armenia and Azerbaijan to settle the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict "by peaceful means only" rejecting any threat for use of force.

The Parliamentary Assembly underlines the need for a climate of trust necessary for a solution to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. The Assembly also considered that "the OSCE's Minsk group is the optimum framework for negotiations".

Contrary to the aforementioned commitments, Azerbaijan continues to:

– purposefully eradicate its own Armenian cultural heritage within Azerbaijan, the most recent example being the destruction of the Armenian medieval cemetery and thousands of Jugha cross-stones;

– refuse to recognize Nagorno Karabakh's right to self-determination;

– refuse to negotiate with representatives of Nagorno Karabakh, main party of conflict;

– pursue a dangerous policy of militarising its state and using bellicose, hateful rhetoric against Armenia and Armenians at all levels, including the highest level;

– imprison citizens who dispute the official version of the Karabakh war, the most vivid case being that of Eynulla Fatullayev;

– blacklist persons, including Assembly members, who visit Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Parliamentary Assembly must demand from Azerbaijan greater conformity and more sincere respect for its obligations.

Signed (see overleaf)

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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
NR: Representatives not belonging to a Political Group