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The need to return the corpses of Azerbaijani soldiers to their state

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Mubariz Ibrahimov a non-commissioned officer of the Azerbaijani Army, was shot down by Armenian military personnel on 18 June 2010 when fighting back the Armenian armed forces that broke the ceasefire in the Azerbaijani territories under their occupation and launched an assault on Azerbaijani settlements on the opposite side. Armenian soldiers took the corpse of Mubariz Ibrahimov with them and refused to give it back to the Azerbaijani side. A few days later, the photos of his corpse were installed on the Internet. Since then, the Armenian authorities refuse to return Mubariz Ibrahimov's corpse, ignoring the efforts of the Azerbaijani Government and the International Red Cross.

Farid Ahmadov, another Azerbaijani officer, shared the same fate on 4 September 2010. The Armenian side refuses to return his corpse to Azerbaijan too.

Nevertheless, during the visit to the region by the International Red Cross spokesperson, Armenians confirmed that they had kept the corpses of the above-mentioned persons.

By stressing the contradiction of the above-mentioned cases with international law norms, notably their negative impact on the sensitive negotiation process towards peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh problem, the Assembly calls for the return of the corpses of Mubariz Ibrahimov and Farid Ahmadov to Azerbaijan.

Signed (see overleaf)

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Total = 22

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1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EDG: European Democrat Group
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