



## Recommendation 1251 (1994)<sup>1</sup>

# Conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh

### Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly notes that the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict broke out in 1988 and that it has already resulted in almost 20 000 deaths and more than one million refugees
2. Its Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries has organised a series of hearings since 1992 which delegations from the Armenian and Azerbaijani Parliaments, the "leadership of Nagorno-Karabakh" and the "Azeri interested party of Nagorno-Karabakh" attended.
3. The Assembly notes with satisfaction that the ceasefire which came into force on 12 May 1994 has been relatively well complied with, and hopes that it will be followed up as soon as possible with a peace agreement signed by all the interested parties.
4. It welcomes the efforts of the CSCE's Minsk Group, the United Nations Security Council, the Government of the Russian Federation and the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS to encourage the warring parties to sign a peace agreement, as well as the agreement signed on 26 July 1994 by the Ministers of Defence of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the commander of the army of Nagorno-Karabakh, in which they affirm their commitment to observe the ceasefire and their eagerness to accelerate the signing of a political agreement.
5. The Assembly consequently recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
  - 5.1. call on the governments of Council of Europe member states to make the necessary resources available to the CSCE's Minsk Group so that it can achieve its objectives, particularly the deployment of international observers in the war zone;
  - 5.2. renew political dialogue with the authorities of Armenia and Azerbaijan;
  - 5.3. as soon as the conditions are met, open its co-operation programmes to Armenia and Azerbaijan and, if these parties so wish, place experts at their disposal who could help draw up a political status for Nagorno-Karabakh.

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1. See [Doc. 7182](#), report of the Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries, rapporteurs: MM. Pfuhl and Solé Tura Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 10 November 1994.

