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The Republic of mountainous Karabagh (Artsakh)

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20 years ago, through the adoption of legal decisions on independence based on Soviet and International Laws, new states were created in our region. The right to self-determination and decolonization from the Soviet Union was exercised not only by Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, but by Mountainous Karabagh as well.

These four political entities declared independence approximately at the same time. Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia have been members of the Council of Europe for 10 years now, while Artsakh is not a member of this organisation. Despite these facts and the difficult situation it finds itself in, Artsakh has nonetheless adopted and is consistently following a political path of state-building in conformity with the spirit, the mission and the values of the Council of Europe.

Highly appreciating the results and the dynamics of democracy-building adopted as a development model by Artsakh and realising the importance of the participation of the official delegates of Artsakh to the negotiations taking place within the context of the OSCE Minsk Group,

We congratulate the Republic of Mountainous Karabagh on its 20th anniversary and call for close co-operation with its duly-elected authorities.

Signed (see overleaf)

1. Written Declaration first published on 5 October 2011 with 32 signatures.

Signed[2]*:*

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Total = 33

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2. 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