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Condemnation of aggression by Azerbaijan against the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

We, the undersigned, declare the following:

Azerbaijan initiated large-scale military aggression against the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia in September 2022.

With these unprovoked acts of military aggression, Azerbaijan targeted also civilian infrastructure in densely populated settlements of Armenia, causing hundreds of human losses, including civilians. There is appalling evidence of cases of torture, mutilation of captured and dead soldiers, including women.

We condemn in the strongest terms the aggression of Azerbaijan, which is in blatant violation of the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, International Humanitarian Law and the statutory, conventional and membership obligations of Azerbaijan before the Council of Europe.

We also condemn wilful killings, torture, and inhuman treatment of prisoners of war and captured Armenians by Azerbaijani armed forces, the videos of which have been publicised in social media.

We call on Azerbaijan to refrain from any future acts of aggression against the territorial integrity of Armenia and engage peacefully in negotiation process.

We demand immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Azerbaijani armed forces from the sovereign territory of Armenia and urgent repatriation of all prisoners of war and other captives.

Signed (see overleaf)



*Signed*¹:

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EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left