

New report of European Parliament condemns Azerbaijan, assesses Armenia as regional leader in terms of democracy



The European Parliament’s Committee on Foreign Affairs has prepared a new report reviewing the EU’s relations with Armenia, which calls on Azerbaijan to withdraw its troops from the territory of Armenia, emphasizes that any peace treaty must include the territorial integrity of Armenia, the rights and security of the Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh, the quick and safe return of refugees and internally displaced persons to their homes and praises the work done by Armenia in the direction of democratic reforms, as a result of which Armenia has become a leader of democracy in the region.

In the new report reviewing EU relations with Armenia, prepared by the Foreign Affairs Committee and adopted on February 9, MEPs strongly condemn the large-scale military attack on Armenia by neighboring Azerbaijan in September 2022, which

violated previous attempts to achieve peace and resulted in Azerbaijan’s forces occupying sovereign Armenian territory.

While stressing that this latest aggression has no direct link to the long-term conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, the report calls on the Azerbaijani authorities to withdraw troops from all parts of Armenian territory. It also urges the governments of both countries to work on a comprehensive and mutually acceptable peace treaty and on the EU to continuously engage, mediate and effectively contribute to the peaceful resolution of this conflict.

MEPs reaffirm, however, that in order to be effective, any such peace treaty must include provisions that guarantee the integrity of Armenia’s sovereign territory, the rights and security of the Armenian population residing in Nagorno-Karabakh and other conflict-afflicted areas, and the prompt and safe return of refugees and internally displaced people to their homes.

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Armenian PM, Croatian FM discuss bilateral cooperation, regional developments

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received the delegation led by Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Grlić-Radman.

The Prime Minister welcomed Mr. Rudman's visit and expressed confidence that it would contribute to the development and expansion of relations between the two countries in various fields. According to Nikol Pashinyan, Armenian-Croatian ties have a great potential for progress and emphasized the need for active interaction between the two governments. The Prime Minister emphasized the deepening of cooperation with Croatia also as an EU member state and commended the effective cooperation with the EU in the direction of development of democracy in Armenia.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia noted that they had effective negotiations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and discussed



the prospects for the development of bilateral political and economic cooperation. Gordan Grlić-Radman added that they are interested in the development of ties in various branches of the economy, including tourism, high technology. According to Mr. Radman, Armenia has made great progress in strengthening democracy and they are ready to cooperate closely with the Armenian government to promote reforms.

The parties also exchanged views on

the processes taking place in the region.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan referred to the steps being taken to overcome the humanitarian crisis in Nagorno Karabakh as a result of the illegal blockade of the Lachin Corridor by Azerbaijan. The Prime Minister also emphasized the fact of another violation of the statement of November 9, 2020 by Azerbaijan and

emphasized the importance of the international community's attention and adequate response to it. In this regard, the discussions held in the European Parliament and the clear demands presented regarding the unblocking of the Lachin Corridor were highlighted.

The parties emphasized the activity of the EU civilian mission in Armenia in strengthening peace and stability in the region.

Turkish government highly values Armenia's support, Erdogan tells Pashinyan

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan had a telephone conversation with the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Prime Minister offered condolences and expressed solidarity to the President and the people of Turkey in con-

nection with the numerous victims of the strong earthquake that rocked the southeastern regions of the country. Nikol Pashinyan wished a speedy recovery to all the injured and added that the plane carrying the rescue squad of the Republic of Armenia to the disaster zone is preparing to take off from Yerevan's "Zvartnots" airport.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan thanked the Prime Minister of Armenia for solidarity and noted that the Turkish government highly values Armenia's support, emphasizing that step also from the point of view of further deepening the dialogue between the two countries.

Syrian President thanks Armenia for assistance

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan had a telephone conversation with the President of the Syrian Arab Republic Bashar Al-Assad.

On behalf of the Republic of Armenia and on his own behalf, the Prime Minister conveyed condolences to the President and people of friendly Syria in connection with the large number of victims and destruction caused by the chain of earthquakes that occurred on February 6.

Nikol Pashinyan wished a speedy recovery to all the injured and noted that Armenia is planning to support Syria to be able to ease the difficult living conditions of the earthquake-affected population and eliminate the consequences of the disaster.

Bashar al-Assad thanked for the solidarity and noted that the primary issue facing them at the moment is related to food.

An agreement was reached that Armenia should send food and other types of aid to Syria as a priority.

The President of Syria thanked for the assistance to be provided and expressed hope that with the help of the Republic of Armenia it will be possible to overcome the severe consequences of the earthquake as quickly as possible.

Macron emphasizes the importance of uninterrupted operation of Lachin Corridor



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan had a telephone conversation with French President Emmanuel Macron.

The interlocutors discussed the difficult humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh resulted by Azerbaijan's blocking of the Lachin Corridor.

Emmanuel Macron emphasized the importance of the uninterrupted operation

of the Lachin Corridor and underlined France's readiness to continue contributing to the solution of this problem.

The interlocutors exchanged ideas on the normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the protection of the rights and security of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh, and the activities of the EU civilian mission in Armenia.

It's us who were blockaded for 30 years – Pashinyan says Armenia needs opening of connections more than anyone else

Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan said that Armenia has most interest in the reopening of connections in the region and none of the other countries, neither Azerbaijan nor Turkey need those roads more than Armenia.

The PM made the remarks in parliament during questions time when asked by MP Shirak Torosyan about the EEU and the opening of regional connections.

PM Pashinyan said that Armenia has a single land link with the EEU, the Upper Lars, with objectively insurmountable problems related to avalanches, weather, and floods.

"Certainly, now our Georgian colleagues have initiated the construction of a tunnel which will mostly solve the problem. But on the other hand, of course we

understand that the opening of connections in the region, particularly the Armenia-Azerbaijan railway and the opening of the roads will significantly increase our trade turnover with the EEU and not only the EEU," Pashinyan said.

PM Pashinyan said Armenia is interested and ready to implement the terms of the November 9 statement in this regard.

"We are the ones who want those roads to be opened the most, and it's the others who are resisting. We are the most interested ones, because it's us who were blockaded for thirty years, no one else needs these roads more than us, neither Azerbaijan nor Turkey. They have alternatives to all roads. And since everyone understands that we need those roads the

most, they try to raise the price of opening the roads for us. We are saying 'no', let's accurately implement what's been written in the 9 November trilateral statement. And don't attribute to the 9 November trilateral statement what hasn't been written in it," Pashinyan said.

Pashinyan said that the Azerbaijani President himself has recently noted that the clause 9 of the 9 November statement doesn't mention any corridor.

"This says it all. There's no mention of a corridor, there's no mention of limiting Armenia's sovereignty, there's no mention of limiting the application of Armenia's legislation. We are ready to implement, launch all the actions literally tomorrow," Pashinyan added.

Armenian FM, Chancellor Scholz's foreign policy advisor meet in Berlin, urgent need to lift Azeri blockade emphasized

Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan met with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's Foreign and Security Policy Advisor Jens Plötner in Berlin.

Mirzoyan and Plötner exchanged views around prospects of enhancing the political dialogue and mutually beneficial cooperation between Armenia and Germany. A broad circle of issues related to regional security and stability were also discussed, according to a read-out issued by the foreign ministry.



The importance of addressing humanitarian issues, as well as immediately elimi-

nating the blockade of Lachin corridor by Azerbaijan was emphasized.

The cooperation between Armenia and Germany in multilateral platforms, as well as issues related to Armenia-EU partnership were also discussed. In this regard, the Armenian Foreign Minister highly appreciated the EU's decision on deploying a long-term monitoring mission to the international border between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and expressed confidence that the mission will contribute to establishing stability in the region.

Germany urges 'immediate' end to Nagorno-Karabakh blockade

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on February 7 called for a reopening of a key corridor to Nagorno Karabakh, after talks with her Armenian counterpart.

Baerbock told reporters that the escalating humanitarian situation made it essential that "the blockade end immediately."

"The supermarket shelves are almost empty, medication is lacking... family members are stuck in Armenia and can't



get back to their loved ones, schoolchildren have to freeze in these icy temperatures be-

cause the energy supplies are cut off," Baerbock said.

Since mid-December, a group of Azerbaijanis has been blocking the only road into Artsakh from Armenia to protest what they claim is illegal mining causing environmental damage.

As a result, the region has been running short of food, medicines and fuel.

EU hails Georgia for acting as bridge between Armenia and Azerbaijan



Toivo Klaar, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia, met Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili, GPB's First Channel reports.

In an interview with GPB's First Channel main news program Moambe, Toivo Klaar recalled the PM's involvement and desire to act as a facilitator "in bringing together Azerbaijan and Armenia."

The EU Special representative praised and expressed support for Georgia in "act-

ing as a bridge" for peace and stability in the region.

"It is very important that the three countries of the South Caucasus are able to work together and promote peace. And here, Georgia's role, acting like a bridge between Armenia and Azerbaijan, is undoubtedly very important.

We have discussed with the Prime Minister the previous occasions, and I hope, in the future, to have even more cooperation and collaboration between the European Union and Georgia and between EU and all three Caucasus countries," he said.

According to Toivo Klaar, proposing Tbilisi as the venue for high-level meetings, as with Armenian and Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministers, was significant and

could be used for other formats in the future.

"Tbilisi has acted as a place to bring together Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan, and it can do so again. Both, for the leaders and different formats. It is an easy option, also as a venue where both representatives from Armenia and Azerbaijan can easily travel to. It doesn't take long to travel here. And in the end, it is logical for the three countries that occupy the common space, like the South Caucasus, to try to find common areas of cooperation, irrespective of any conflict.

It is simply logical that there would be a collaboration between such close neighbors in questions of transport, environment, energy, and so far. I see a lot of potential both now and for the future," he said.

Armenia interested in enhancing relations with India – Speaker of Parliament meets Ambassador Kishan Dan Dewal

Speaker of Parliament Alen Simonyan held a meeting with Ambassador of India in Armenia Kishan Dan Dewal.

Simonyan said that although Ambassador Dewal's tenure is nearing completion, the result of his consistent work in Armenia is of continuous nature, the parliament's press service said in a read-out.

"The Republic of Armenia values and highly appreciates the friendly relations with India and is deeply interested to en-

hance the ties in all sectors," Speaker Simonyan said.

The Ambassador thanked for the successful joint partnership and noted that he is taking from Armenia and the Armenian people friendship, warm memories and rich history to his country and people.

Speaker Simonyan added that India, as an influential member of the international community, has an important role in global and regional matters. Simonyan said there

is a lot of joint work to be done in the inter-parliamentary format in this context.



Negotiations with Azerbaijan didn't stop, in some cases stances were approximated – Armenia FM

The new proposals conveyed by Azerbaijan to Armenia on a peace treaty show that the negotiation process hasn't stopped and it continues, Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said at a joint press conference with Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Grlić-Radman in Yerevan.

"I'd like to reaffirm what I said in Berlin, the negotiations around a peace treaty are a continual process and the parties exchange proposals, comments and substantiations in several stages, followed by new proposals in new stages, and that's how the process should presumably advance. Alongside this process, meetings of the ministers take place where these proposals are discussed. We really didn't find it to be possible to participate in the meeting planned for December 23 in Moscow obviously because of the illegal blockade of the Lachin corridor, but like I've said, without having participated, we conveyed

our proposals remotely. And ten days ago we received Azerbaijan's proposals. We are basically in the phase of discussion. This shows that by and large the negotiations process has not stopped, comments and proposals continued being exchanged, and now we will present our new comments based on the comments of the Azerbaijani side," FM Mirzoyan said.

Mirzoyan said releasing the content of the proposals is inexpedient.

"And the stances of the parties around various issues in various stages are approximating to each other in some cases, but in some cases they continue to be very far from each other. Thus, politically it's inexpedient to release an individual detail and reveal the stances of the sides at this moment over the given issue, because tomorrow there could be an entirely different picture. I say again, in some cases it's been possible to bring us closer, but the Arme-

nian side has its principled issues in this process, and I believe we've publicly spoken about these issues on many occasions," the minister said.

The FM said Armenia did not cancel the planned Moscow meeting in December, but postponed it.

He said the meeting will be rescheduled at a convenient time. "The meeting can take place in Moscow or elsewhere. If you've followed the trajectory you've seen that we've had such meetings in various capitals and various cities. I'd like to say that it would be fair to note that the selection of the host city for the meeting is certainly important, but at the same time, by and large, it doesn't have an extremely significant impact on the process. And in this regard we are ready to hold the next meeting in Moscow," Mirzoyan said.

Deployment of EU mission to Armenia-Azerbaijan border doesn't guarantee status quo - Croatian FM

Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Grlić-Radman and Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan concur that the deployment of the EU monitoring mission on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border can have a serious role in establishing peace in the region.

"Yes, I think the European Union, like the entire international community, has a very serious role in the future discussions of ensuring the rights and security of the people of Nagorno Karabakh and eliminating the ongoing blockade of Nagorno Karabakh. I repeat, there is only one way for the solution of all problems, peace

talks, diplomatic path, and here the international community and particularly the European Union have a role to play," Armenian FM Ararat Mirzoyan said at a joint press conference with Gordan Grlić-Radman when asked by a reporter whether the EU mission or generally the EU can contribute to restraining Azerbaijan's aggressive actions and establishing peace and stability in the region.

Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Grlić-Radman said he's glad that Armenia attaches importance to the deployment of the EU monitoring mission to the Armenian-Azerbaijani border.

"This topic is truly highly important, how the European Union can utilize all efforts for establishing peace in the region. I am very happy that Armenia acknowledges the importance of the EU monitoring mission. I'd like to mention that the EU monitoring mission consists of up to 100 persons, and it has a term of two years. We've assumed this commitment as a party interested in stability in the region. This mission is a temporary instrument for establishing sustainable and lasting peace in the future. This doesn't guarantee status quo in any way," the Croatian FM said.

President of European Parliament deplores Azerbaijan's groundless "witch hunt" against MEP Marina Kaljurand

President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola has written to the Speaker of the Azerbaijani Parliament Sahiba Gafarova to express her strong disapproval of the statements made in the Azerbaijani Parliament by the Co-Chair of the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee (PCC), Mr Tural Ganjaliyev, on 20 December 2022.

"As reported by Azerbaijani media, Mr Ganjaliyev accused the European Parliament of having "established a mechanism

for financing Members of the European Parliament through corruption." Without presenting any basis for his accusations, he claimed that "income obtained from looted gold deposits in Nagorno-Karabakh goes into the pockets" of Members critical of Azerbaijan's actions. He also retweeted an article with a direct personal attack against the European Parliament Co-Chair of the EU-Azerbaijan PCC, Ms Marina Kaljurand, falsely accusing her of corrupt practices," Roberta Metsola wrote.

"The European Parliament is committed to continue building good relations with the Milli Majlis, in the spirit of mutual respect. This may include – and often does – constructive criticism, which should however be based on facts and not on unsubstantiated and slanderous claims," she added.

The European Parliament President asked to take all possible steps to avoid that similar incidents happen again in the future.

Iran and Armenia will not allow creation of corridor – Ambassador Abbas Badakhshan Zohouri

Armenia and Iran will not allow the creation of so-called corridors through the Armenian territory (the so-called Zangezur corridor - an extraterritorial corridor through the Syunik region of the Republic of Armenia - ed. note).

Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) to the Republic of Armenia (RA) Abbas Badakhshan Zohouri stated this on February 9 during the conference on the topic “Armenian-Iranian Relations in the Context of Common Interests”.

The diplomat believes that the scientists and experts of Armenia and Iran should study and identify priorities in the relations between the two countries, on this basis an agenda should be developed that will serve the interests of the peoples of the two countries. The Ambassador noted that Armenia and Iran were, are and must remain neighbors. “The leaders of our countries, of course, are closely following the regional processes. Yerevan and Tehran need to have a special agenda,” the ambassador said.

According to Zohouri, of course, there are all sorts of tips and tricks; there are talks about the so-called corridors, some actions. “However, Iran and Armenia will



not allow the creation of such a corridor,” the diplomat said.

At the same time, he is convinced that Armenia and Iran should show initiative in this matter, that is, not allow others to put forward any proposals, so as not to be forced to respond to them. “On the contrary, we ourselves should come up with proposals. Both Armenia and Iran have a very clear position. We do not need to wait for any proposals to then think about how to respond to them,” the Iranian Ambassador said. As an example, he cited Iran’s initiative to open an Iranian Consulate General in the town of Kapan in the Syunik region of the Republic of Armenia; soon Armenia will open a Consulate General in Iran. It should be noted that one of

the provisions of the tripartite statement dated November 9, 2020 on the cessation of hostilities in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone assumed the unblocking of all transport and economic ties. Armenia pledged to provide Azerbaijan with a land route to its Nakhichevan exclave while maintaining its sovereignty over the road. However, the President of Azerbaijan is now trying, through pressure, including the threat of the use of force, to get an extraterritorial so-called the “Zangezur corridor from Armenia”.

Iran doesn’t oppose the deployment of the EU civilian monitoring mission to the Armenian-Azerbaijani border, Iranian Ambassador to Armenia Abbas Badakhshan Zohouri said in response to a question from a reporter at the Armenia-Iran Relations in Context of Common Interests forum.

“Other countries can contribute to ensuring security and peace in the region,” the Ambassador added.

Regarding the solution of problems with participation of regional countries, the envoy said it can ensure security and peace based on dialogue and discussions.

Armenia records significant growth in process manufacturing, but decline in mining



Process manufacturing grew and com-

prised 12% in the GDP structure in 2022, Armenian Minister of Economy Vahan Kerobyan told lawmakers during debates of proposed amendments in the law on Industrial Policy.

“In 2022 process manufacturing grew significantly in Armenia and the volume of output increased 13,5%, totaling 1,8 trillion drams, but mining declined a bit,”

Kerobyan said.

Kerobyan said the government program includes the goal to bring process manufacturing’s role in the GDP to 15%. “We are now around 12%. I think this kind of a significant growth is a good step on the path of reaching our goal,” the minister said.

Armenia sends 30 tons of humanitarian aid to Syria

The Ministry of Emergency Situations has organized the transfer of more than 30 tons of aid to the earthquake-affected Syrian Arab Republic upon the instructions of the Prime Minister.

The humanitarian cargo includes food, medicine and medical equipment. It was sent to Syria from Yerevan’s Erebuni Airport.

The process was monitored by Minister of Emergency Situations Armen Pambukhchyan and the management of the structure.

The cargo was transported from Yerevan to Aleppo on IL-76 aircraft. The rescue service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs supported the organizational work.



Armenia in the global financial and economic map, where to start?



Amundi-Acba brought together the leaders Armenian different sectors, to discuss the current challenges and perspectives on global macroeconomics, asset management strategy, as well as crypto-assets and block chain.

At the “Amundi-Acba Economic Forum 2023”, the French company Amundi, Europe’s leading asset manager, calls Armenia to accelerate its race towards innovation, which is the main way to the development.

The role of ESG factors in the development of a country is also at the core of discussions at “Amundi-Acba Economic Forum 2023”.

“This is our first economic forum, where we brought together policy makers with the main actors of financial sector of Armenia, representatives of high-tech sector and other players of the real sector of the economy. I assume that the dis-

cussed topics will raise many questions, the answers to which and the solutions to the problems will create new value as in the development of society as well as in Armenia’s economic development”. – Highlighted Jean Mazedjian, the CEO of Amundi-Acba Asset Management.

Vincent Mortier, Amundi Group CIO, noted that Armenian assets are gradually becoming a part of the general “landscape”. During his e-welcome speech, Vincent Mortier also highlighted, that Amundi is also motivated to accompany Armenia in its raise of financial literacy.

“It’s important, that people understand risks for short and long terms and respective income they might have”, -said Vincent Mortier, Amundi Group CIO.

“Forums of such calibers are important also for Armenia’s visibility. This is also contributing to the awareness level in terms of different events, positive changes and successes happening in the country for Armenian population of and world community”. – said Garegin Gevorgyan, Director the financial stability directorate of Central

bank of Armenia.

The purpose of the forum is to become the main financial platform of the year in the region, where industry experts and thought leaders will meet to discuss Armenia’s financial and economic opportunities. The objective is obvious; have a developed economy and create financial markets, which will help position Armenia in the world economic and financial map.

Amundi-Acba has been found in Armenia at 2013, by French Amundi, European leader in asset management and Acba Bank. The Company is managing 3 mandatory pension funds benefiting from Amundi’s advanced know-how and technical support. As of December 2022 the AUM of Amundi-Acba exceeds 292 Billion AMD.

Amundi-Acba is supervised by the Central Bank of Armenia.



Blockade by Azerbaijan causes nearly 95% drop in construction in Artsakh, major housing project jeopardized

Construction dropped 90-95% in Artsakh as a result of the blockade, the Minister of Urban Development of Artsakh Aram Sargsyan told ARMENPRESS.

“Construction is generally suspended as a result of the blockade given the shortage of construction materials. The materials were mostly being imported from Armenia. We were planning to commission 300 new residential homes in the end of 2022. Few work remains to be completed, but there’s insufficient construction materials and diesel fuel to finish the job. The houses will be ready for commissioning in one and a half months in case of obtaining the required materials,” the minister said.

The ministry has inventorized existing



supplies in construction shops and will attempt to carry out some work this year.

“But if the current situation continues we can face more serious problems. After depleting the existing resources, construction works will be entirely suspended if the resources don’t get replenished,” Minister Sargsyan said.

After the 44-Day-War in 2020, the authorities in Artsakh launched an unprecedented housing project – the construction of 3800 new homes and the reconstruction of other residential homes which were damaged from bombardments.

The construction was proceeding normally until 12 December 2022, when Azerbaijan blockaded Artsakh. The program is planned to be completed in 2025. After the war, over 300 new residential houses were commissioned in Artsakh and over 470 homes were renovated and given to displaced families.

Van Novikov

The deployment of EU observation mission on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border has no geopolitical context. PM Pashinyan

At the National Assembly, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan referred to the question of why Armenia agreed to deploy an EU observation mission on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border, but not a CSTO observation mission.

During the parliament-Government Q&A session, MP Hripsime Grigoryan from the “Civil Contract” faction mentioned that there were publications in the press regarding the deployment of the EU observation mission, and in some cases, speculations about how and why the Government of Armenia chooses to accept the EU observation mission and not the CSTO mission. According to the MP, some circles even went further, trying to give geopolitical shades to the topic. Grigoryan asked the Prime Minister about his opinion on the issue.

The Prime Minister agreed with the MP, noting that there are many misunderstandings related to the topic, including among Armenian experts, because they ask how it happened that the CSTO observation mission does not arrive in Armenia, but the European observation mission does.

“In the case of CSTO, we formulated the issue very clearly, because the CSTO has documents with very detailed descriptions, including the regulation of response to crisis situations, which was adopted back in 2010, where actions are clearly written, but, at the same time, there is a clear understanding and concept of the zone of responsibility of the CSTO. We have asked the CSTO about one of the most important principles: to adjust the zone of responsibility of the Collective Security Treaty Or-



ganization in the Republic of Armenia. In other words, we have asked them to tell us their idea of what the Republic of Armenia is. We have not received a clear answer to this question. On the other hand, the civilian mission of the European Union was possible, because as a result of the quadrilateral meeting in Prague, the European Union clearly outlined, including with the participation and consent of Armenia and Azerbaijan, what the Republic of Armenia is. In other words, they said that in their opinion the map of the Republic of Armenia is this, or we said this is the map; they took it into account and confirmed it. They come to monitor and observe that area,” explained the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister emphasized that deploying an observation mission without an idea of the territory will be strange, because it is not clear to them what they will observe.

“The issue arose from the situation when Azerbaijan occupied the territories of the Republic of Armenia. If any mission does not know what the Republic of Armenia is, the territory of the Republic of Armenia, how will it consider whether the territory of the Republic of Armenia is oc-

cupied or not? This is the most important issue,” said the Prime Minister.

Pashinyan also stated that before the deployment of the European Union observation mission, Azerbaijan justified its aggressive actions against Armenia on Western platforms by the fact that the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia is deploying more and more Russian troops on the Armenia-Azerbaijan border and preparing a joint Armenian-Russian aggressive attack on Azerbaijan, while Azerbaijan with its aggressive attacks is simply trying to balance the situation, to manage its vulnerabilities to some extent.

“This process continued. Moreover, I have already said that in the West, an attempt was made to present Armenia as a participant in “Russia’s aggressive policy”, and in Russia, an attempt was made to present it as a participant in the Western conspiracy. Since the Russian partners had representatives there and our Western partners had already started looking at us with mistrust, saying that you are actually preparing for aggressive actions, because there are large concentrations of Russian and Armenian troops there, you are going to attack Azerbaijan, the poor Azerbaijanis are forced to occupy heights, trying to balance the situation. Realizing that they are spending a lot of resources on it, we said: very well, let’s consider whether all that is true or not. The key point is that, of course, there is no geopolitical context in all of this. There is a specific agenda, there is a specific issue that we are trying to solve,” concluded Pashinyan.

Int’l community must do all it can to ensure the rights of Armenian people are respected – Canadian lawmaker Bryan May

Canadian Member of Parliament Bryan May is calling on the international community to do all it can to ensure that the rights of the Armenian people are respected, and their safety is protected.

May, the Chair of the Canada-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group, issued a

statement on the Azerbaijani blockade of the Lachin corridor.

“I have been closely monitoring the humanitarian crisis inflicted on the citizens of Nagorno-Karabakh. Azerbaijani aggression has forced thousands of Armenians from their homes, leaving them without basic

necessities such as food and medicine. I am calling on all governments to take immediate action to address this urgent humanitarian crisis, to put an end to the violence, and to allow the safe return of all displaced people to their homes. The international community must do all it

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Looking more closely at EU bilateral relations with Armenia, the report welcomes the full entry into force of the Armenia–EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in March 2021 and Armenia’s commitment to its implementation. MEPs commend Armenia for the significant reforms and thorough democratization process it has undertaken in recent years, reforms that have seen the country become a leader in democracy in the region. They also call on the EU and Armenia to work closely on the implementation of ongoing and future reforms under the CEPA, while highlighting that the framework covers a wide range of areas for joint work, including strengthening democracy, the rule of law and human rights,

contributing to economic growth and fostering sectoral cooperation.

In addition, the report acknowledges Armenia’s fight against crime and corruption and encourages the government to continue implementing reforms to strengthen democratic institutions, the rule of law and judicial independence, despite the difficult international context and the challenges Armenia faces.

MEPs worried by media environment

While welcoming improvements in media freedom, MEPs stress that the country’s media environment is still characterized by polarization and they are concerned about cases of hate speech and physical violence against journalists.

While fully supporting the Armenian government’s effort to fight disinformation, MEPs say that any measures must not

result in restrictions on journalists or freedom of speech.

The report was adopted by 55 votes in favor, 0 against with 5 abstentions.

“The report on EU-Armenia relations reaffirms once again the European Parliament’s commitment to peace in the region and the cooperation between Armenia and the EU in a number of important areas. As a vital stepping stone in this direction, we welcome the establishment of the EU Mission in Armenia and urge the Azerbaijani government to guarantee freedom and security of movement through the Lachin corridor, which has been blocked for almost two months,” said rapporteur Andrey Kovatchev (EPP, Bulgaria) after the vote.

Following the committee vote, the text will now be submitted for approval by the European Parliament as a whole.

Armenian FM says there’s significant probability of new escalation

Despite all efforts by Armenia, the situation in the region remains fragile and tense and there is a significant probability of a new escalation, Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said at a joint press conference with Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Grlić-Radman.

“The security challenges resulting from Azerbaijan’s aggression against, and occupation of, the sovereign territory of Armenia in May and November of 2021 and September of 2022 after the 2020 war it unleashed against Nagorno Karabakh are not only disrupting the Armenian government’s efforts aimed at establishing peace, stability and security in South Caucasus, but are also threatening the Armenian democracy,” FM Mirzoyan said.

He reminded that in gross violation of the terms of the 9 November 2020 trilateral

statement and international humanitarian law, Azerbaijan is keeping the Lachin corridor blockaded for already two months, besieging 120,000 people of Nagorno Karabakh.

“The everyday growing humanitarian crisis can become a real humanitarian disaster. It is necessary to underscore that the calls by numerous big and small countries, international organizations, reputed NGOs haven’t yet had impact on Azerbaijan’s behavior. In this case I want to underscore the need for clear actions and initiation of respective mechanisms by the international community aimed at ending the illegal blockade of Nagorno Karabakh and preventing the ethnic cleansing against Armenians of Artsakh and preventing Azerbaijan’s future aggression,” Mirzoyan said. In this regard the Armenian FM attached

importance to deploying an international fact-finding mission into Lachin corridor and Nagorno Karabakh.

“I’d like to underscore the important role the EU monitoring mission has in direction of ensuring stability around the borders of the Republic of Armenia. Periodical use of force or explicit threats to use force, mass violations of human rights cannot create stable ground for peace and security in the region. Armenia has numerous announced its readiness for constructive dialogue in an environment free from hate speech, preconditions and belligerent rhetoric for sustainable peace and development in South Caucasus. There’s no alternative to a peaceful settlement of existing problems and disputes, this is our conviction,” Mirzoyan said.

page 8 ➡ can to ensure that the rights of the Armenian people are respected, and their safety is protected.

I implore the Azerbaijani authorities to reopen the Lachin corridor and ensure freedom of movement, uphold their commitments to protect civilians, uphold their obligations under international humanitar-

ian law, and facilitate access to humanitarian assistance,” May said in the statement released on Twitter.

The blockade of Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) began on 12 December 2022 when Azerbaijan closed the Lachin corridor, the only road connecting Artsakh with

Armenia. The blockade caused a humanitarian crisis. Shortages of essentials such as food, fuel and medicine prompted authorities to introduce a rationing system. Hospitals keep planned surgeries on hold and the Red Cross has been facilitating the transfer of seriously-ill patients to Armenia for treatment.

Mexico Senate Recognizes the Armenian Genocide



MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Senate

has recognized the 1915 Armenian Genocide in the Ottoman Empire, stressing the need to protect universal human values.

According to the Armenian Embassy in Mexico, in a document adopted on February 8, the Senate also urged the Secretariat of External Relations to assist the Mexican authorities in officially recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

Speaker of the Armenian National Assembly Alen Simonyan expressed gratitude

to the Senate of Mexico for recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

"I express our deep gratitude to the Senate of the United Mexican States for adopting a document that recognizes the Armenian Genocide," Alen Simonyan said in a Twitter post.

"This is an example of adherence to human values and rights," the Speaker said.

UK Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Europe briefed on humanitarian crisis in blockaded Nagorno Karabakh

On February 7th, Armenian Ambassador to the UK Varuzhan Nersesyan held a meeting with Minister Leo Docherty MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Europe), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Ambassador Nersesyan briefed Minister Docherty on the severe humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh, as a result of Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of the Lachin corridor, the Armenian embassy said in a read-out.

In this context, the Ambassador stressed the need for concrete steps to be taken by the international community aimed at restoring unimpeded traffic along



the Lachin corridor.

The interlocutors also discussed the normalisation process between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The Ambassador emphasised the harmful impact of Azerbaijan's maximalist approach, which continues to undermine these efforts.

Ambassador Nersesyan and Minister

Docherty underlined the importance of close cooperation between Armenia and the UK on both bilateral and multilateral platforms. In this regard, the significance of mutual high-level visits was highlighted.

Ambassador Nersesyan also underscored the importance of the prospective signing of the CEPA agreement between Armenia and the UK which will lay the groundwork strengthening bilateral relation in different fields of mutual interest.

During the meeting, a number of issues relating to regional and international security were also discussed.

Quebec National Assembly adopts motion calling on Azerbaijan to lift the blockade of Artsakh



The Quebec National Assembly unanimously adopted a motion, backed by all political parties represented in the assembly and supported by the ANCC and ANC-Quebec, calling on Azerbaijan to im-

mediately end the blockade of the Lachin Corridor and condemning Azerbaijan's ongoing aggression against the Armenian people, reports the Armenian National Committee of Canada.

Lawmaker seeks to restrict foreign currency mortgage regulations to protect citizens from risks

MP Gevorg Papoyan drafted amendments to the Law on Currency Regulation and Currency Supervision seeking to set new regulations for provision of mortgage loans.

Papoyan, the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Financial-Credit and Budgetary Affairs, introduced the bill at the February 10 session in parliament.

"If citizens don't have foreign currency incomes then they shouldn't receive loans in foreign currency," he said.

"Two months ago the currency exchange rate for euro was 392 [drams]. And the citizen, for example, who had taken a mortgage loan in euros, today must repay it with 9% higher rate because the exchange rate has reached 427," Papoyan said.

Papoyan said his bill seeks to help citizens manage their risks.

The proposed regulations don't pertain to business loans, while the same restriction is already in place for consumer loans. The new regulation, if passed, will pertain only to "apartment mortgage loans", he said.

Beverly Hills Police say threat to ‘wipe Armenia off the map’ is protected by First Amendment



The Beverly Hills Police Department says the anti-Armenian flyer threatening to “wipe Armenian off the map” is protected by the First Amendment.

“On Saturday, 01/28/23, the Beverly Hills Police Department launched an investigation into the posting of anti-Armenian flyers. Although offensive and insensitive, it has been determined that the flyers fall within the protection of the First Amendment of the US Constitution,” the Beverly

Hills Police Department said in Twitter post on Tuesday, effectively ending its investigation.

“The Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our community and does not condone or tolerate any hate speech directed at anyone, for any reason,” added the statement.

The Beverly Hills Police Department did not elaborate whether its investigation had revealed any perpetrators or whether it had questioned individuals or groups that might have been associated with posting the hateful flyers.

On January 28, the Beverly Hills Police Department said it was investigating an anti-Armenian flyer that was spotted around the city and its vicinity, ahead of an Armenian Youth Federation march scheduled on that day to protest Azerbaijan’s blockade of

Artsakh.

“Azerbaijan; Turkey; Pakistan; Israel = 4 BROTHERS WILL WIPE Armenia OFF the MAP Inshallah!!!,” read the message on the various iterations of the flyers that were found posted around the city on that day.

Beverly Hills Mayor Lille Bosse had immediately denounced the flyers on social media saying “I’ve said it over and over again, hate has no place in Beverly Hills or anywhere. I will always stand up, I will always speak out against it.”

The flyer also was condemned by several local, state and federal officials, as well as a number of Jewish organizations, who deplored the racism and hatred emanating from the flyer.

I will always stand with Armenians, says Rep. Schiff as he invites Artsakh’s Representative to Biden’s State of the Union address

Congressman Adam Schiff issued a statement on Tuesday after Permanent Representative of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic to the United States Robert Avetisyan attended President Joe Biden’s State of the Union address, *Asbarez* reports.

“Tonight, President Biden spoke of the United States’ moral obligation to take care of its most vulnerable and outlined how America can remain a beacon for freedom. It is a message that strongly resonated with me as I reflected on the humanitarian crisis in Artsakh, which grows more dire by the day, with widespread shortages of food, medicine, and other necessities, rolling blackouts amid freezing winter temperatures, and tens of thousands of people cut off from their families, loved ones, and livelihoods. Families and children are suffering, and the United States must take decisive action to assist them,” said Schiff.

“I was proud to invite the Permanent Representative of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic to the United States, Robert Avetisyan, to be my guest at the State of the Union. I wanted to send a strong signal that Congress will never stop advocating for the right of self-determination



and peace for the people of Artsakh,” said Schiff. “I will always stand with the people of Armenia and Artsakh and thank Avetisyan for bringing attention to this humanitarian disaster, and I call on the President of the United States to use all diplomatic tools at our disposal to ensure the safety of the people of Artsakh amid Azerbaijani aggression and the growing danger in the region,” Schiff added.

“I am grateful to Congressman Schiff for the invitation to attend the State of the Union address. It was truly inspiring to witness how this democratic tradition continues through centuries and promotes common approaches, thus contributing to the strength of the political system in the

United States. At the same time, I very much appreciate this historic opportunity as all my compatriots in the Republic of Artsakh continue to face the enormous challenges caused by the ongoing blockade by Azerbaijan. This was a great occasion to invite attention to the inhuman treatment of 120,000 people in Artsakh by an autocratic regime in Baku. We hope that with consistent efforts and support by the United States Congress and Administration Artsakh’s blockade will end, we will overcome the humanitarian crisis and continue on our path towards building a sovereign democracy,” said Avetisyan.

Immediately after the blockade escalated, Schiff and his colleagues wrote a letter to President Biden urging his administration to use all the tools at its disposal to help ensure Artsakh’s safety – now and in the future – including by immediately and permanently ceasing all assistance to Azerbaijan and imposing sanctions.

Avetisyan has served as the Permanent Representative of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic since 2009. He previously held several roles in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic.

Armenia briefs OSCE Permanent Council on humanitarian crisis in blockaded Nagorno Karabakh

The Permanent Representative of Armenia to the OSCE Ambassador Armen Papikyan comprehensively briefed the OSCE Permanent Council on the humanitarian crisis in Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) resulting from the Azerbaijani blockade of Lachin corridor since 12 December 2022, the foreign ministry said in a press release.

Speaking at the OSCE Permanent Council session, Ambassador Papikyan said that the people of Nagorno Karabakh are besieged for already two months, and the supply of food and medicine is almost entirely suspended. He emphasized that Azerbaijan's intentional, intermittent cut-offs of gas and power supply into Nagorno Karabakh in harsh winter conditions and creation of unbearable conditions for survival have one goal – to force the Armenian population of Artsakh out from their homes and deprive them from their right to



live on their own homeland.

Ambassador Armen Papikyan noted that Azerbaijan's claims that free movement is ensured in the Lachin corridor are false.

He called on OSCE member states to increase pressure on Azerbaijan and highly appreciated the clear statements and positions made by some of the countries who have called on Azerbaijan to immediately and unconditionally lift the blockade and

guarantee free and unimpeded movement along the Lachin corridor, which, however, is not enough.

Papikyan said deploying an international fact-finding mission to Nagorno Karabakh and the Lachin corridor is imperative to assess the humanitarian situation on the ground and prevent new aggression.

Papikyan also added that in violation of norms of international humanitarian law and the 9 November trilateral statement, Azerbaijan refuses to release Armenian prisoners of war and civilian captives, and the fates of many victims of forced disappearances remain unclear. Papikyan said that the destruction of Armenian historical-cultural and religious heritage in Artsakh continues in areas controlled by Azerbaijan, and Azerbaijan is still denying a UNESCO fact finding mission to access Nagorno Karabakh and adjacent regions.

Hayastan All Armenian Fund provides urgent humanitarian assistance to Armenian community of Syria

As a result of the devastating earthquake in Syria on February 6 which has worsened the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the country, the Hayastan All Armenian Fund is providing financial support to 15 Armenian educational institutions in Aleppo, as well as other Armenian educational institutions in Damascus, Latakia, and Kessab, Noyan Tapan was informed from the website of Hayastan All Armenian Fund. The assistance of \$100,000 is provided by the French affiliate (Fonds Arménien de France) of the Hayastan All Armenian Fund and will be allocated to educational

institutions for provision of financial assistance to around 1,100 teachers and technical staff.

The buildings of Armenian educational institutions and churches in Aleppo were damaged, including Karen Jeppe Armenian College, Cilician College and S.O. Khach Orphanage. Therefore, a part of the support will be allocated for renovation purposes of those institutions.

The urgent humanitarian aid will be distributed in close cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in Syria and with the involvement of the church and Armenian community organizations.

The previous program of assistance to the Syrian Armenians was implemented in 2020 when the healthcare, social and economic situation in Syria was further complicated by the coronavirus pandemic. The Fund allocated \$70,000 to a number of Armenian educational centers in Syria as well as to Syrian Armenians undergoing coronavirus treatment in inpatient facilities.

The Hayastan All Armenian Fund expresses its support to those affected by the earthquake and being committed to its humanitarian mission, stands firmly by the Syrian Armenian community.

Armenian military to offer new voluntary service option for women

The Armenian military plans to introduce a new option of military service for women.

The bill was put into circulation by the Ministry of Defense. It envisages a 6-month service option on voluntary basis for women.

"The bill is in circulation, everyone can get acquainted with it. We will do everything to manage [the works] by winter

conscription, because I can't say for sure if we will be able to manage it before the summer conscription in terms of infrastructures. It all depends on our speed," Minister of Defense Suren Papikyan said at the Cabinet meeting.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan was pleased to note that they are entering another important reforms phase. After passing the 6-month service, women will have

the opportunity to sign up for a longer-term service, again voluntarily, if the bill gets approved.

Pashinyan said the infrastructures must be either new or highly upgraded for women in the military. "This is a new chapter, and we must start this process with new content and freshness," Pashinyan said.

“Revolutionary platform” in medicine launched by Armenian experts in India to expand to other countries

Many patients are seeking a second opinion regarding their diagnosis and treatment plan. Docus – the highly acclaimed platform created by two Armenian experts offers a revolutionary approach to medicine and a solution to this problem.

Docus is a US-based VC-funded startup committed to enabling access to top medical expertise for everyone.

By fostering collaboration between medical professionals, Docus enables access to the highest level of medical care for patients.

“Our goal is to enable access to top medical expertise for everyone. In any corner of the world, any healthcare provider can provide high-quality medical treatment for patients by relying on world-class experience and knowledge,” Docus CTO and co-founder Gevorg Nazaryan told ARMENPRESS.

Co-founders Gevorg Nazaryan and Robert Sargsyan began developing Docus in 2021. The entrepreneurs left their highly successful business in Moscow and moved to Armenia to work on Docus. Nazaryan credits Artavazd Minasyan, the co-founder of Krisp, 10Web and BigStory venture capital fund for greatly contributing in the phase of generating the idea.

“We felt that there’s a demand for this kind of a platform. Patients often seek second opinions from various doctors to understand the best treatment option for them. Sometimes they even need to travel



abroad to seek opinions from leading doctors in Europe or the United States. We conducted studies and realized that this happens a lot more often than we thought,” Nazaryan said.

Presently, Docus collaborates with over 250 top medical experts from Europe and the United States, who contact doctors from partner local healthcare providers in written form or via video call to provide the patient with the best possible medical care.

“We are choosing the doctors very meticulously, with focus on their experience, education, reputation, expertise and circle of collaboration. We have doctors specializing in the treatment of cancer, cardiovascular diseases, neurological and other diseases, and we plan to expand the list,” the CTO and co-founder said.

Each of the doctors involved in the platform sets the cost for their rendered services. However, some of them have set a symbolic price because they attach im-

portance to exchange of experience and humanitarian mission.

Upon launching the startup, the co-founders considered the Armenian market but are now focused on India, where the market is significantly larger. Docus provides a user-friendly, all-in-one platform to organize the consultation and communication process between top Indian doctors and top Medical Experts from the US and Europe, ensuring the highest level of medical care for patients.

“It’s difficult to start from Armenia in terms of investments. Investors pay attention to market size and potential growth, that’s why we began from India. We plan to access new markets in the next one or two years, and Armenia will be among them,” Nazaryan said.

The startup was supported by the Formula and BigStory venture capital funds and angel investors. The one-of-a-kind startup has already covered its pre-seed phase investments.

Docus plans to enhance its team, which currently consists of eight specialists including high-class consultants.

Nazaryan said that realizing that their startup can save lives is an “indescribable motivation” for the Docus team.

Docus recently received acclaim from India Today, which described the platform as “a revolutionary approach to medicine, which aims to democratize medical knowledge.”

Cilician Armenian high school of Aleppo damaged in earthquake



The Cilician Armenian high school of Aleppo has been damaged as a result of the earthquake, Kantsasar reports.

The administration of the school has decided to keep the doors of the school closed until the relevant authorities check the security of the building and carry out the necessary repairs.

An international aid effort is being

stepped up in southern Turkey and northern Syria following a huge earthquake that has killed more than 4,800 people.

The 7.8 magnitude quake struck near Gaziantep (Aintap) in the early hours of Monday while people were asleep.

A 7.5-magnitude tremor then hit at around 13:30 local time (10:30 GMT), which officials said was “not an aftershock”.

The country’s disaster agency says more than 3,381 people were killed in Turkey alone after the first quake, and more than 15,000 were injured.

More than 1,500 people are reported to have died in Syria.



Actor Joe Manganiello recounts great-grandmother's dramatic escape during Armenian Genocide

Actor Joe Manganiello has shared his great-grandmother's harrowing survival story from the Armenian Genocide.

In PEOPLE's exclusive look at Tuesday's *Finding Your Roots* episode, the *Magic Mike* actor shares the heartbreaking events that his great-grandmother previously endured.

"The Turks came into her home in 1915 under the guise of World War I and tried to enact the genocide that they had begun," he says. "They shot her husband dead, shot her. She laid on the ground, pretended that she was dead while seven other gunshots that went off, which were her seven children."

By playing dead, his great-grandmother was able to evade suspicion from the intruders. "She laid there unmoving and the



Turks left the house and left the eighth child, who was an infant in the crib, to starve to death, which is just the way that they did business," Manganiello explains.

The woman "strapped the baby onto her back" and fled.

"For people who don't know, there were these death marches where they would just handcuff, chain the Armenians together and march them out to the desert,

and release the Kurds, give them military coats, horses and guns, to then go do what they wanted with their mortal enemies, the Armenians," he says. "She escaped that."

While fleeing, Manganiello's great-grandmother had to swim across the Euphrates river. Upon making it to the other side, she discovered her youngest child had drowned on her back.

"She had a bullet in her still, and to my understanding, she lived in a cave with other refugees until she was picked up by German military," he says.

In a military camp, Manganiello's great-grandma became pregnant by a German officer. "She gave birth to a very blonde, half-German child," the actor adds.

New agreements between Armenia and Egypt to intensify education & science cooperation launched in 1997 – deputy minister

Armenia and Egypt signed memoranda of cooperation in sport, science and technologies within the framework of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi's visit to Armenia on January 29.

Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Armenia Artur Martirosyan told ARMENPRESS that the agreements will contribute to the development of relations between the two countries and the implementation of new projects in these important sectors.

Martirosyan said the legal-contractual framework between Armenia and Egypt was formed back in 1997. An agreement on cooperation in culture, education and science was in force since 1997, and the new agreements will further intensify the cooperation.

"Within the framework of the new memoranda, we plan to organize various training-educational camps in the sports sector, training of coaches, which will also

launch the Armenian-Egyptian contacts on the level of federations. By the way, there's a background in this context too, many Armenian coaches used to work in Egypt. And the cooperation in science and technologies will enable us to implement joint scientific-technical projects, research, as well as exchange of scientists in various priority directions," Martirosyan said.

Cooperation with Egypt encompasses all sectors under the ministry's coordination, Martirosyan said.

The most recent event held as part of the active cooperation program in culture was held in 2009 when Days of Egyptian Culture was held in Armenia.

"We're also cooperating with Egypt in developing Armenian studies, and currently the University of Cairo is among the 13 institutions teaching Armenian studies, with visiting experts. I'd also like to point out that 51 citizens of Egypt are studying in Armenian universities, which shows

that there is interest among the Egyptian society, and we certainly want to increase these numbers. Also, 3-4 young Armenians travel to Egypt on a one-year program to learn Arabic," Martirosyan said.

The agreement on mutual-recognition of qualifications and cooperation in education and science is currently under negotiations. The agreement will enable to have state-funded scholarships on mutual basis and to resolve the issue of recognition of diplomas and graduation documents.

"The last point is the youth sector. The Egyptian side proposed to have mutual youth camps and we are now negotiating to organize a visit of the Egyptian youth delegation to Armenia and vice versa in 2024," Martirosyan said.

The Deputy Minister said the meeting of the Armenian and Egyptian presidents was a highly important signal, and the signing of the memoranda will be followed by practical meetings.

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Armenian Identity Card

The goal of the Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) non-profit organization is to unify Armenians worldwide in a common platform so that through contacts, queries and referenda they can express their views and positions regarding issues of general interest to Armenians around the world and issues of particular interest to Armenian communities in various countries.

Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) also makes it possible to establish business networks, the cardholder can participate in various charitable projects, and can obtain discounts from Armenian and non-Armenian businesses all over the world. Armenians should feel themselves to be full-fledged "citizens" of a reborn Armenia and the Armenian Identity Card is the «passport» for all Armenians.

The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID)

network is an effective environment where Armenians can implement various projects and pan-Armenian programs. At the heart of HyeID is the creation of an Armenian database which will become the reliable and objective basis to realize the potential of all Armenians around the world. Based on that database, it will be possible to implement various permanent and temporary initiatives through the Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) organization.

- The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) worldwide network enables cardholders to elect and get elected to the leadership of The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) network structures.
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