



*Urgent Aid, Justice and Peace  
For Armenia and the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh*

*A webinar with Armenian and international experts  
Date: 30 January 2024 at 4pm CET*

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In the unprovoked 2020 war, in the large-scale attack of September 2022, and in numerous military border incursions, Armenia and its territory became a direct military target of Azerbaijan. Since 2020, 145 thousand Karabakh Armenians have become refugees in Armenia, 105 thousand arrived after the Azerbaijani war for the complete conquest of Karabakh in September 2023. A forced expulsion of the entire Karabakh population took place. Except the French authorities, Western governments and international organizations issued at best half-hearted, but essentially meaningless statements. The refugee population and the government of Armenia are facing this humanitarian crisis with very limited international support. Moreover, European states have a direct responsibility in the tragic fate of Armenians, as they financed the attacks by buying

Azerbaijani oil and gas without any preconditions. For two decades Azerbaijan was using those petrodollars to prepare for war.

Europe can act now to insist on and ensure the sovereignty of the Armenian state, the preservation of Armenian Christian cultural heritage, now under Azerbaijani control and threatened by destruction. Europe should also insist on the return of Karabakh Armenians to their land, and live there in dignity and security, and thus, restore its own values, so much questioned today. Without decisive political and economic support from Europe and international institutions committed to the enforcement of international law and human rights standards, the future of Armenia itself is under direct and imminent threat.

The goal of the webinar is to give direct information to an EU audience about Armenia and the Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh. The idea is furthermore to articulate a few concrete demands to the European institutions in the wake of the forthcoming European elections.

Coordinator and Convener:

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Experts from Armenia:

- Mr. Tigran Grigoryan, expert on NK and head of the Regional Center for Democracy and Security based in Yerevan, Armenia
- Mrs. Sheila Paylan, expert on International Public Law and senior legal advisor of the Center for Truth and Justice in Yerevan, Armenia
- Mrs. Anahide Pilibossian, Vice President of Strategy and Development of the Applied Policy Research Institute of Armenia
- Fr. Garegin Hambarzumyan, Principal at Gevorgian Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin of the Armenian Apostolic Church

...plus international experts (tbc).

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