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**To the President of the Association of Judges of Armenia**

**To the President of the Association of Judges of Azerbaijan**

Dear Colleagues,

It has been recently brought to the attention of the IAJ by both of your Associations that a warring situation of conflict among your Countries has broken out, bringing with several incidents and violations of human rights. Both parties addressed themselves to the President of the IAJ, seeking endorsement of their positions and asking for a resolution to uphold them.

The IAJ is, by its Statute, a non-political organisation, gathering associations of judges, and must abstain from politics. Both Armenia and Azerbaijan have been members of the IAJ for many years and have always taken part in our events, meetings and activities, showing great capacity of co-operation in a friendly and constructive way.

The current conflict between your countries dates back to many years and this is not, of course, the place to say who is wrong and who is right. As President of the IAJ I can only underline that peace is the only environment in which justice can flourish. I therefore, on behalf of the IAJ and of its Presidency Committee, can only express the wish that through diplomatic channels your two Countries can find a reasonable solution, namely, an agreement that resolves once and for all any possible territorial dispute among the two parties. I add that the current difficult situation cannot and must not represent an obstacle for Armenia and Azerbaijan to continue their positive and constructing co-operation in the framework of the IAJ and of the EAJ for the implementation of the principles of justice and of the protection of judicial independence in any country of the world.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. G.T.Pagone

The President of the International Association of Judges