

Dear colleagues,

At the beginning of the 21-st century, at this critical moment, when Armenian people stands against genocidal processes, started from the previous century, and an existential hurdle of confronting alone the pan-turkish pursuit, we are appealing to you in belief that ENJC's and its members shall be informed of the terrifying and tragic events started from September 27 of the current year in Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh), due to the unprecedented extent, rude and cynic scale of violations of international law and human rights.

It goes beyond any imagination that in the modern world an unhidden attempt of extermination of the ethnic population and application of terror against the right to life of Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh).

The pre-planned large-scale military aggression unleashed by the authoritarian regime of Azerbaijan with full backing of Turkey pursues clear genocidal intent. In front of the whole world weapons prohibited by the international humanitarian law are used against peaceful civilians in Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh), cities and villages are treacherously destroyed, cultural objects are being demolished, unarmed people including women and children are being killed, the evidence of which is obvious and undeniable. The armed forces of Azerbaijan launched airstrikes at the Holy Savior Ghazanchetsots Cathedral (opened since 1887) and House of Culture in Shushi causing significant damages and wounding peaceful civilians, including journalists.

It has already been recognized by the international community that all these atrocities are committed also through thousands of mercenaries transferred to Azerbaijan from terroristic organizations, including ISIS-linked terrorist groups, which apparently operate under the auspices of the Azerbaijan and Turkish leaderships.

Terrorism does not have a national, religious, social description, the fight against terrorism is a priority in all civilized countries. Yet, no one is ensured from the danger to face terrorism. Judiciaries across Europe play important role in effective fight against terrorism.

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Glorification of perpetrators of hate crimes by Azerbaijan against Armenians, systemic use of hate speech by political leaders, educational institutions and media have been documented by international organizations, including the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the Council of Europe and Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.

On October 6th of 2020, the European Court of Human Rights satisfied the request lodged by the Government of the Republic of Armenia for interim measure, calling on all states directly or indirectly involved in the conflict, including Turkey, to refrain from actions that contribute to breaches of the Convention rights of civilians and to respect their obligations under the Convention.

Please note, that notwithstanding the ceasefire agreed on October 10, Azerbaijan uninterruptedly continues bombing, attacking, wounding and killing civilians. It is now obvious that the victory of terrorism in this small territory is fraught with detrimental consequences for both the region, Europe and the entire civilized world at large.

Similarly Azerbaijan disregarded also the agreement of humanitarian ceasefire achieved on November 17 by the endeavors of OSCE Minsk group Co-Presidents and the direct involvement of the president of France. Some hours later Azerbaijan restarted firing by rockets Stepanakert, Shushi and Artsakh`s other peaceful settlements more intensively.

It`s highly important you to be totally informed that on October 18, after the achieving humanitarian ceasefire agreement attempts have been made to take away the wounded solders out of the battlefield by the mediation of the international committee of Red Cross. But this step, made in accordance with word and nature of agreements achieved both on October 10 and October 17, were strictly denied by official Baku.

Moreover, in 12th October Israel`s Supreme Court has rejected the application about prohibition of selling military weapons to Azerbaijan, which that country actively uses by intention of killing civilian population.

Dear colleagues, Azerbaijan leads widespread war also in the media realm. On the one hand it restricts the right to information, depriving its own society from getting objective information, one the other hand Azerbaijan makes cyber attacks and paralyzing various websites of governmental and non-governmental organizations of Republic of Armenia. Unfortunately, such an

attack has reached also the official web site of Association of Judges of Republic of Armenia. In the context of declared military state because of this imposed war, the activity of judicial authorities of Republic of Armenia is in highly difficult situation, which affects the realization of the right to a fair trial guaranteed by Article 6 of European convention.

It's obvious that in such small territory victory of terrorism creates great danger both for this region and Europe and the whole civilized world.

We urge for your immediate action, for adopting corresponding resolution on condemning turk-azeri-terroristic aggression and violence as well as for addressing various international authorities for taking necessary steps in order You could have your highly important contribution on the immediate termination of the genocidal war against people of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh). We insist, that in case of forming social opinion the orientation or even clear and impartial words or a reference by representatives of judicial authorities of state-members of International Association of Judges may be crucial and decisive because of high level of social confidence towards such words.