



**ARMENIA - AZERBAIJAN  
CIVIL PEACE PLATFORM**

**Appeal**

**to the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group  
Mr. Andrew Schofer (USA)  
Mr. Stephane Visconti (France)  
Mr. Igor Popov (Russia)**

**Tbilisi**

**30 October 2017**

**Honorable Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group,**

We are informing you that on October 30, 2017, peacekeepers of both nations and public figures from other countries participating at the OSCE Minsk Group met in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, to hold the General Assembly of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Civil Peace Platform. The Platform is established and the Steering Committee consisting of 19 members, as well as the Experts Council consisting of 29 member and other elected bodies are formed. Therefore, we appeal to you on behalf of this new "Armenia-Azerbaijan Civil Peace Platform".

You made serious efforts to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, stop the military operations on the frontline and continue the negotiation process between the parties, and you continue to work towards the direction.

As it is known, the OSCE Minsk Group, which was established in 1992 to solve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, is the only international organization that carries out mediation mission. In this regard, we all understand the weight of your great responsibility and the weight of your complicated task.

Unfortunately, despite the taken measures and the negotiations that took place over the past 25 years, it was still impossible to establish peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan. There are many reasons for this situation, and one of them is that the cooperation neither between the NGOs nor civil society's different sectors of Armenia and Azerbaijan's are on a needed level.

Nowadays we are very concerned about the systematic violation of the ceasefire regime, which has lately caused us a lot of casualties. At the same time, we are very worried about the possibility of these violations to transform into large-scale military operations.

Given the above-mentioned, as the "Armenia-Azerbaijan Civil Peace Platform" we feel the responsibility and the need to establish co-operation with the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs that can contribute to the conflict resolution and to assist you in this difficult peacebuilding process.

To this end, as the "Armenia-Azerbaijan Civil Peace Platform", we ask to consider the possibility of issuing the issue of the Platform's consultative mandate within the OSCE Minsk Group.

We are confident that close co-operation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs with the Civil Society Institutions and the Peace Platform will contribute to ending the 25-year conflict, restoring trust and confidence between the Armenian and Azerbaijani people, and preventing human casualties.

**With deepest respect,**

**On behalf of the I General Assembly of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Civil Peace Platform:**

**Artur Aghajanov**



**Kamil Salimov**

