

APPEAL TO

H.E. Ambassador Edi Rama, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Prime Minister and Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

H.E. Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chair of the Permanent Council, OSCE

H.E. Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference

Lieutenant Colonel Sulo Mustafaraj, Head of the OSCE High-Level Planning Group

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Tbilisi, Georgia

With the War between Armenia and Azerbaijan having official standing as a regional and global threat, we should take this opportunity to urge the OSCE leaders to grant the crisis in the South Caucasus the seriousness it deserves; to arrive and visit Tbilisi for a first action towards ceasefire;

Being deeply concerned with a continuation of current War, increased resumption of armed clashes between Armenia and Azerbaijan;

Being unable to resist or combat military actions that are minimizing or abolishing at all the impact of the measures taken by CSOs towards confidence building and peace processes in the region;

Made us signatories of this appeal and converted us in beggars to call your urgent visit to Tbilisi and to immediately engage in inclusive dialogue;

We believe that the COVID-19 crisis and the limitations to travel will never be considered as an excuse for continuation of war with devastating results for the all-region of South Caucasus;

The increasing crises of the new wave of refugees and IDP worsen both state security and human security in the region. The hostilities have already resulted in massive abuses of human rights;

We hereby urge you once again to organize an urgent visit of an OSCE mission to Tbilisi, to meet with civil society organizations with the mandate of working on peace and confidence building. The main goal is to discuss de-escalation and normalization of relations in the region and prepare inclusive and transparent dialogue between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the light of Minsk Group.

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The process of collecting the signatures is being continued.