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Swiss-Armenians Outraged at the Bombing of the Peaceful Population of Nagorno-Karabakh

BERN Switzerland - On Sunday morning, 27 September 2020, Azerbaijani armed forces launched a full-scale military attack against the independent Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) resulting in multiple casualties among the civilian population.

The Switzerland-Armenia Association (SAA) is deeply concerned by Baku's propagandistic determination to «destroy» ethnic Armenians living peacefully in their native territory. The instigators of this conflict threaten not only the regional stability of the South Caucasus but also the energy security of Europe. The SAA strongly condemns Azerbaijan for having unequivocally launched this attack and calls upon Swiss political forces to condemn this action as a clear violation of international law.

Impartiality, or worse, silence on the part of the international community as reaction to this aggression are tantamount to support of the violence of Azerbaijan. Failure to acknowledge Azerbaijan's responsibility for this full-scale offensive against peaceful civilians in Karabagh is equivalent to rewarding its aggressive behaviour at a state level.

Armenia and Switzerland share common values and ideals such as peace, democracy, independence, sovereignty and human rights. This is the message Armenia gave to the world with its "Velvet Revolution" of May 2018. The Republic of Artsakh also incorporates the values of democracy, despite the constant threat from the violent dictatorship at its border. We wish to see peace in Artsakh and urge all Western democracies to unite in protection of Artsakh's peaceful people and their efforts toward maintenance of sovereignty and independence.

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