

## Motions

<b>Motion number</b>	23
<b>Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA</b>	Armine Aleksanyan
<b>Member party</b>	Artsakh Democratic Party
<b>Title (of the Motion)</b>	Support for the Right to Collective, Dignified, and Safe Return of the People of Artsakh, Freeing of Hostages, and Protection of Cultural and Religious Heritage
<p><b>Text of the motion:</b> (In English; Maximum 600 words)</p> <p>Whereas the people of Artsakh have faced persistent violations of their rights and fundamental freedoms, and the current situation remains a significant humanitarian crisis;</p> <p>Whereas the violent actions and policies pursued by the Republic of Azerbaijan in the wake of the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh war have resulted in the displacement of its indigenous Armenian population, and they are now living as refugees, without the ability to return to their homes and communities;</p> <p>Whereas the protection of human rights, freedom, and self-determination remains a core tenet of the European Free Alliance and the values upon which the European Union stands;</p> <p>Whereas the treatment of prisoners of war, including political and military leadership of Artsakh, and the conduct of sham legal proceedings against them raise serious concerns regarding violations of international law, including the Geneva Conventions and basic human rights principles;</p> <p>The European Free Alliance,</p> <p>1. Reaffirms its strong support for the right of the people of Artsakh to a collective, dignified, and safe return to their homeland.</p> <p>We call on the international community to facilitate and ensure the safe and voluntary return of all displaced persons from Artsakh and to provide them with the necessary protection, security, and support for the rebuilding of their communities.</p>	

2. Demands the immediate release of all hostages held by Azerbaijan,

Including political and military leaders of Artsakh, and the cessation of all illegal and politically motivated trials against these individuals. We call on the government of Azerbaijan to respect international law and end the practice of detaining innocent civilians and political leaders, who should not be used as political pawns. We urge the European Union to take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of prisoners of war and civilians under international human rights standards.

3. Calls for the protection and preservation of the cultural and religious heritage of Artsakh.

We emphasize the need for the international community to act decisively in safeguarding the unique cultural, historical, and religious monuments of Artsakh from destruction, desecration, and unlawful appropriation by Azerbaijan. This includes ensuring the protection of churches, monasteries, and other sites of religious and historical significance, which have been at risk of irreversible damage following the conflict.

4. Calls on the European Union and member states to stand firmly for the self-determination of the people of Artsakh and to ensure that their voices are heard in any future peace process and to place greater emphasis on the human rights and security concerns of the people of Artsakh.

We call upon the European Union to take concrete actions to to advocate for the rights of Artsakh's people, and to push for meaningful international engagement and diplomacy to prevent further suffering.

Conclusion:

The European Free Alliance stands in solidarity with the people of Artsakh, in defense of their rights to a safe and dignified life, the return to their homeland, and the protection of their cultural and religious heritage. We urge the international community, and particularly the European Union, to take decisive action to support the people of Artsakh in their quest for justice, dignity, and security.

Proposed by: Democratic Party of artsakh

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