

Motions

Motion number	To be completed by EFA Secretariat
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	Anush Ghavalyan
Member party	The Democratic Party of Artsakh
Title (of the Motion)	

Azerbaijan shall release all Armenian servicemen and civilians fallen under its control

- a) Whereas the clear intention of Article 8 of the Trilateral statement of 9-10 November 2020, signed by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the President of the Russian Federation was the exchange of all persons captured before and after the trilateral statement, without prejudice to their status assigned by the parties;
- b) Whereas cessation of active hostilities does not suspend the application of international humanitarian law and Armenian servicemen captured before and after the Trilateral statement are entitled to the status of Prisoners of War under the Geneva Convention (III) Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and shall be repatriated without delay
- c) Whereas under the Geneva Convention (IV) Relative to the Protection of Civilian persons in time of War Azerbaijan has binding obligation to release all civilians fallen under its control
- d) Whereas criminal prosecution of Armenians in Azerbaijani captivity manifests material breach to the Geneva Conventions
- e) Whereas Armenians fallen under Azerbaijani control undergo systematic inhuman and degrading treatment and torture by state agents
- f) Whereas the fate of around 30 Armenians, filmed or photographed in Azerbaijani captivity is still unknown

the European Free Alliance calls for:

- a) Azerbaijan to immediately release Armenian servicemen and civilians currently held under its control
- b) the EU to condemn Azerbaijan for systematic violations of its obligations under the Trilateral statement and international human rights and humanitarian law
- d) the EU to apply all available mechanisms to ensure respect for its conventional obligations by Azerbaijan in relation to the Armenian captives

