

RESOLUTION No. 12/21-P
CONFLICT BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

The Twenty-First Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Unity and Cooperation for Peace, Justice and Progress), held in Karachi, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 4 to 8 Zul Qa'ddah, 1413H (25 - 29 April, 1993),

Proceeding from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Gravely concerned over the serious escalation of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Karabakh issue;

Strongly condemning the recent Armenian offensive against Azerbaijan and the occupation of Azeri territory;

Deeply distressed by the magnitude and severity of humanitarian problems resulting from Armenian aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Recalling the principled position taken by the Fifth Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul in June 1992 on this issue;

Also recalling the relevant paragraphs of the Final Communiqué adopted by the OIC Coordination Meeting of the Foreign Ministers at the United Nations, New York, on 23 September, 1992;

Noting the efforts made by the neighbouring countries and regional states notably the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Turkey to promote a peaceful settlement of the Karabakh issue;

Conscious of the threat posed to international peace and security by this latest Armenian aggression;

Aware of the disruptive effect that this new military offensive can have on the peace process being pursued within the framework of the CSCE;

Noting with appreciation the Report of the Secretary General on this subject (Document No.ICFM/21-93/PIL/D.6/Rev.I);

Strongly condemns the Armenian aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Demands the immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied Azeri territories and strongly urges Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Calls for a just and peaceful settlement of the Karabakh issue on the basis of respect for the principles of territorial integrity of states and inviolability of internationally recognized frontiers.

Urges both Armenia and Azerbaijan to engage constructively in the ongoing CSCE peace process and refrain from any action that will make it more difficult to reach a peaceful solution.

Reaffirms its total solidarity and support for the efforts being made by the Government and people of Azerbaijan to defend their country.

Calls for enabling the forcibly displaced persons to return to their homes in safety, honour and dignity.

Requests the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and other Islamic institutions to provide urgent financial and humanitarian assistance to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Requests also the UN Secretary General and the President of the Security Council to use their full authority for the adoption of the Security Council Resolution condemning the Armenian aggression and demanding immediate withdrawal of Armenian military formations from all occupied Azeri territories.

Requests further the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a Report thereon to the Twenty-Second Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.