
Provisional edition

The conflict over the Nagorny Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference

Recommendation 1690 (2005)[1]

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its Resolution 1416 (2005) on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

I. urge the parties concerned to comply with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993), in particular by refraining from any armed hostilities and by withdrawing military forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan;

II. monitor the compliance by Armenia and Azerbaijan with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions and the decisions of the OSCE Council of Ministers on this conflict and to report to the Assembly on the outcomes of this monitoring;

III. report to the Assembly on the efforts undertaken by member states for the peaceful settlement of the conflict in accordance with the Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council including whether member states refrain from the supply of any weapons and munitions which might lead to an intensification of the conflict or the continued occupation of territory in violation of Resolution 853 (1993) of the United Nations Security Council;

IV. recalling its Recommendation 1251 (1994) on the conflict in Nagorny Karabakh, place experts at the disposal of Armenia and Azerbaijan who could help draw up a political status for Nagorny Karabakh, if they so wish;

V. allocate resources for an action plan of specific confidence-building measures for Armenia and Azerbaijan;

VI. allocate resources for specific training programmes for teachers and journalists from both countries aimed at better mutual understanding, tolerance and reconciliation; VII. allocate resources for specific action by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance concerning both countries, in particular with regard to educational institutions and the public media;

VIII. instruct its competent steering committee to analyse how far the European Convention for the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes reflects the current requirements of conflict settlement among member states of the Council of Europe and where it should be revised in order to provide an adequate instrument for the peaceful settlement of disputes between the member states of the Council of Europe;

IX. take Resolution 1416 (2005) into account when deciding on action concerning both countries;

X. forward Resolution 1416 (2005) and this Recommendation to the governments of member states with a view to supporting them nationally, bilaterally and internationally.

[1] Assembly debate on 25 January 2005 (2nd Sitting) (see Doc.10364, report of the Political Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mr Atkinson). Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 January 2005 (2nd Sitting).