

THE STATEMENT OF THE CHAMBER OF ADVOCATES ON THE AGGRESSION OF THE MILITARY-POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF AZERBAIJAN

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The Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia,

Considering Azerbaijan's military aggression in Artsakh Republic, which also targeted peaceful settlements, including the capital Stepanakert, as well as the immediate danger of an armed attack on the Republic of Armenia, hence the decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No. 1586-N of September 27, 2020 "On declaring martial law in the Republic of Armenia".

Highlighting the security of the peoples of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Artsakh, without which the protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms cannot be ensured,

Noting that the statements and actions by the political leaders of ethnic hatred and incite against the Republic of Armenia violate not only the obligations defined by international agreements, including the positive obligations set out in Article 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the requirements of the national legislation of Azerbaijan (incitement to commit genocide (Article 104 of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan) and "Planning, preparing, unleashing or conducting an aggressive war" (Article 100 of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan)).

Considering the fact that advocates have also taken the initiative to form volunteer groups,

1. **Strongly condemns** the aggression of the military-political leadership of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh.
2. **Forming a working group** to support the protection of the rights of the civilian population affected by the aggression of Azerbaijan in international organizations.
3. **Forming support groups of advocates** to support their professional work instead of advocates involved in military operations on a voluntary or mobilization basis.
4. **Informs the public** that the court in civil cases is obliged to suspend the proceedings, if the defendant in the armed forces during martial law or the plaintiff serving in the armed forces during martial law applied with a relevant motion.

The chairman of the Chamber of advocates of RA

Ara Zohrabyan

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