



Urgency motion nr. 2

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On behalf of the party: *Democratic Party of Artsakh [DPA]*

**Urgency motion:** *European Free Alliance Party Resolution on the need for urgent action to abolish the illegal checkpoint and lift the total blockade of the Republic of Artsakh [Nagorno-Karabakh]*

**The European Free Alliance,**

- having regard for the UN Security Council’s call for restoration of the free and secure movement along the Lachin corridor and respect for the previously reached agreements, at its emergency meeting convened on 20 December 2022
- having regard for the European Court of Human Rights [ECHR] 21 December 2022 order for Azerbaijan to enable essential travel between Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia through a road blocked by Azerbaijan
- having regard to 22 February 2023 the International Court of Justice [ICJ] order affirming that there is an imminent risk of irreparable harm to the Armenians’ rights under the CERD, and ordering Azerbaijan to take all necessary measures to ensure unimpeded movement of persons, vehicles and cargo along the Lachin Corridor in both directions<sup>2</sup>
- having regard to 15 March 2023, the European Parliament Resolution in which it, inter alia, it “Condemns the ongoing blockade of the Lachin corridor, which is worsening the humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh; ... urges Azerbaijan to remove any obstacles that would hinder freedom and security of movement along that corridor as stipulated by the trilateral statement of 9 November 2020”.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Rules of Internal Order. Article 7.2. Urgency motions.](#)

<sup>2</sup> Application of the International Convention on The Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination [*Armenia v. Azerbaijan*], Request for the Indication of Provisional Measures, Order of the International Court of Justice of 22 February 2023] <https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/180/180-20230222-ORD-01-00-EN.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0081\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0081_EN.html)

Considering that.

- On 23 April 2023, the authorities of Azerbaijan, grossly violating Paragraph 6 of the Trilateral Statement, have officially blocked the Lachin Corridor, **by installing a checkpoint** in the area of responsibility of the Russian peacekeeping contingent.
- This action has been unequivocally criticized by the international community, including US Government<sup>4</sup>, Government of France<sup>5</sup>, EU<sup>6</sup>, Council of Europe<sup>7</sup> and others, who expressed concern on the establishment of a checkpoint and called on Azerbaijan to ensure a free movement of people and goods along the corridor.
- Besides blocking the road, Azerbaijan, having control of the electricity and energy supply chains to Nagorno-Karabakh, has cut them off, inflicting precarious humanitarian situation upon a population of 120 thousand people [Azerbaijan cut the gas supplies to Nagorno-Karabakh for almost a month also in March 2022 in the severe weather conditions of the mountainous winter season].
- As a result of Azerbaijan’s large-scale offensive in the fall of 2020, 94.000 people were displaced. The Hadrut region, the city of Shushi and other settlements of Nagorno-Karabakh, which fell under Azerbaijani control have been completely cleansed of their indigenous population and are being resettled by Azerbaijani people.
- Condemns the actions of the government of Azerbaijan and calls on the Azerbaijani authorities to ensure freedom and security of movement along the corridor, in line with the trilateral statement of 9 November 2020;
- Urges to lift the blockade of the entire population of the Republic of Artsakh [Nagorno-Karabakh] and restore their fundamental rights and freedoms.; the violation of the freedom of movement, severe restrictions of the right to food, right to healthcare, right to education, right to freedom from discrimination, right to work and other civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, impacting directly the livelihood and quality of life of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh.
- Calls on the UN, EU, OSCE and other specialized international agencies to send a fact- finding mission to the Republic of Artsakh and ensure the security of the people of Artsakh and save them from the imminent threat of “ethnic cleansing”.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.state.gov/actions-on-the-lachin-corridor/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/azerbaijan/news/article/azerbaijan-lachin-corridor-23-april-2023>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/foreign-affairs-council-press-remarks-high-representative-josep-borrell-after-meeting-4\\_en](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/foreign-affairs-council-press-remarks-high-representative-josep-borrell-after-meeting-4_en)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDE7MMpHxGo>

- Underlines the need for a comprehensive peace agreement based on the right of the people of Artsakh to self-determination.