



PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH

October 13, 2020

**Honorable Henrik Dam Kristensen
Chairman, the Folketing
Kingdom of Denmark**

Dear Chairman Henrik Dam Kristensen:

As you may know, on September 27, 2020 Azerbaijan, with active support of Turkey and international terrorist organizations from the Middle East launched a brutal aggression against our people, our freedom and democracy.

For decades now, all responsible political actors in the world have been making efforts to reach a negotiated, sustainable peaceful solution to the Azerbaijan-Artsakh conflict. And the principles of the non-use of force or the threat of force lied at the basis of the settlement process. However, under the veil of a peace talks, Azerbaijan has in fact prepared for renewed armed aggressions, thus undermining the international mediation efforts and regional stability, as well as instigating renewed human sufferings on the both sides.

We are now facing the third large-scale attack by the triple alliance against the sovereign Artsakh. In this regard, we emphasize that the international recognition of the independence of the Republic of Artsakh will not only allow the immediate end of the aggression, but also exclude the possibility of its repetition in the future.

The international recognition of the Republic of Artsakh is an inevitable and logical result of the settlement process, which is not questioned by the international community, for the self-determination of Artsakh has strong legal, legitimate and fair basis, and has been included in the set of proposals by the international mediators - the United States, Russia and France.

We expect from the civilized world to start the process of recognition of the independence of the Republic of Artsakh as the only way to secure the rights of the people of Artsakh and to remedy the imposed hardships.

On behalf of the National Assembly (Parliament) of the Republic of Artsakh, I hereby call on your legislature to recognize the democratic independence of the Republic of Artsakh. We do hope that the elected representatives of the people of the Kingdom of Denmark will respond to our call, and play their constructive role in putting an end to the inhuman aggression against our people, as well as strengthen the regional peace and transfer the Azerbaijan-Artsakh settlement process from the battlefield to a political and diplomatic realm. Attached please find a corresponding Statement by the Parliament of the Republic of Artsakh.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Artur'.

Artur TOVMASYAN