

## SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA GROUP FOR INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS WITH ARMENIA

## STATEMENT ON THE AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY AZERBAIJAN IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH

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Members of the Group for Inter-Parliamentary Relations with Armenia congratulate the Republic of Armenia on the upcoming Independence Day;

strongly condemn the military aggression launched by Azerbaijan in Nagorno-Karabakh on 19 September 2023;

call for the immediate cessation of hostilities and for compliance with the commitments made under the ceasefire agreement of 9 November 2020;

*note* that the absence of a strong international response in relation to Azerbaijan poses a real threat to Armenia's independence and sovereignty;

call on the international community to take urgent measures to resolve the humanitarian crisis by allowing international organisations to provide aid;

welcome the efforts of the Friends of Armenia network, established on the initiative of the Group for Inter-Parliamentary Relations with the Republic of Armenia of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and led by Anders Fogh Rasmussen, to promote international support for Armenia, the development of democratic processes in the country, and to inform the global community of the need to avoid a renewed conflict in the South Caucasus.

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