

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending 05/31/2011
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the U.S.A. 5342

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1334 G Street N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If an organization:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

N/A

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
 If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date of Termination
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8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
 If yes, furnish th following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)	Date Acquired
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9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A ³	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B ⁴	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets fourth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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see attached

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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see attached

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
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see attached

\$ 75,806

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).
 8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.
 9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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see attached

\$ 75,925

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²
Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?
Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- Email
- Website URL(s): www.nkrusa.org
- Social media websites URL(s): _____
- Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) Embassies, NGOs

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) Armenian

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

June 16, 2011

/s/ Robert Avetisyan

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Question 11:

During this 6-month period, have you engaged in any activity for or rendered any service to any foreign principal named in items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

Contacts

Date: 12/22/10
Contact: Hillary Clinton, Tina Kaidanow, Robert Bradtke, Matthew Bryza; U.S. Department of State
Members of the US Congress: Mark Kirk, Frank Pallone, Nancy Pelosi, George Radanovich, Jay Rakow, Adam Schiff, Brad Sherman, John Boehner.
Purpose: to forward NKR Foreign Minister's and Prime Minister's New Year congratulatory letters (copies provided in attachment #1)
Contact manner: fax / e-mail/ mail

Date: 12/27/10
Contact: Members of the US Congress: David Dreier, Steny Hoyer, Nancy Pelosi, James Clyburn, Frank LoBiondo, Steve Israel, Jesse Jackson, Steve Rothman, Brad Sherman, Thaddeus McCotter, Joseph Crowley, John Boehner, Adam Schiff, Maurice Hinchey, Barney Frank, Devin Nunes, Lloyd Doggett, Frank Pallone.
Purpose: to forward NKR Parliament Speaker's New Year congratulatory letters (copies provided in attachment #2)
Contact manner: mail/fax

Date: 01/07/11
Contact: B.Henessey, Legislative assistant, Office of the US Congressman Frank Pallone
Purpose: discussion of recent developments in the region
Contact manner: office meeting

Date: 02/28/11
Contact: US Congressman Frank Pallone
Purpose: attended a meeting of the Congressman with NKR Foreign Minister
Contact manner: office visit

Date: 05/28/11
Contact: Members of the U.S. Congress: Daniel Lipinski, David Cicilline, James McGovern, Eliot Engel, Elton Gallegly, Gary Peters, Grace Napolitano, Henry Waxman, Howard Berman, Jackie Speier, Jim Costa, Jim Langevin, John Sarbanes, Joseph Crowley, Loretta Sanchez, Frank Pallone, Rush Holt, Gary Ackerman, Anna Eshoo, Joe Baca, Barney Frank, Brad Sherman, Bruce Braley, Chaka Fattah, Charles Rangel, Shelley Berkley, Stephen Lynch, Steven Rothman.
(copies provided in attachment #3)
Purpose: to thank for supporting U.S. assistance to Nagorno Karabakh
Contact manner: mail

Newsletter

Date: 12/30/10, 01/30/11, 02/26/11, 03/31/11, 04/30/11, 05/31/11
Subject: Developments in NKR and related to NKR
Availability: email

Press-releases

Date: 12/10/10
Subject: Karabakh Marks Anniversary of Referendum on Independence and Adoption of Artsakh's Constitution
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 01/21/11
Subject: Azerbaijan's Military Units Once Again Violated a Cease-Fire
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 02/19/11
Subject: Azerbaijan Continues To Misperceive International Community by Sponsoring Dubious Scholarship
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 02/21/11
Subject: Karabakh's U.S. Representative Speaks at George Mason University
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Interviews, Articles, Media Alerts

Date: 01/13/11
Media: 'Voice of America' Armenian Service
Subject: Nagorno Karabakh conflict
Notes: Interview by phone for publication in Armenian newspapers

Registrant's attendance at conferences and forums generally re Nagorno Karabakh and the region

Date: 04/13/11
Location: U.S. Congress
Speakers: Senator Robert Menendez, Representatives Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Ed Royce (R-CA), Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Bruce Braley (D-IA), Howard Berman (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), David Cicilline (D-RI), Hansen Clark (D-MI), Jim Costa (D-CA), Danny Davis (D-IL), Robert Dold (R-IL), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Scott Garrett (R-NJ), Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Ed Markey (D-MA), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI), Steve Rothman (D-NJ), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Jackie Speier (D-CA), and Tim Walz (D-MN), Armenian Ambassador Tatoul Markaryan, NKR Representative Robert Avetisyan.

Question 12:

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Contact manner: fax / e-mail/ mail

Date: 12/27/10
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Availability: email

Press-releases

Date: 12/10/10
Subject: Karabakh Marks Anniversary of Referendum on Independence
and Adoption of Artsakh's Constitution
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 01/21/11
Subject: Azerbaijan's Military Units Once Again Violated a Cease-Fire
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Question 14 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interest of any such principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes

If yes, set forth in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.

The amount listed below is the total of such financial support and contributions to the NKR Office from all sources for the reporting period (12/01/2010 - 05/31/2011).

Name	Address line 1	Address line 2	Amount
NKR Government	28 Azatamartikneri St.	Stepanakert, NKR, Armenia	\$75,806.00
Total			\$75,806.00

Question 15 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal of such monies, including transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal: The Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

The following is a breakdown of those expenses incurred by the NKR Office in the USA during the reporting period (12/01/2010 - 05/31/2011).

NN	Purpose	Amount
1	Entertainment/meals: No U.S. officials or media representatives were guests	\$1,743
3	Health Insurance	\$9,545
4	Living expenses	\$37,452
6	Car rent/related expenses	\$2,886
7	Office Supplies	\$2,941
8	Parking	\$650
9	Postage/Courier	\$353
10	Rent Housing Expats	\$14,715
11	Telephone	\$2,573
12	Travel within US & International: No U.S. officials or media were guests	\$2,650
13	Website/Email	\$417
	Total operating expenses and other disbursements:	\$75,925

Question 16:

During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of the Press releases distributed during the reporting period (12/01/2010 – 05/31/2011)

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Web site: www.nkrusa.org

PRESS RELEASE
December 10, 2010

**KARABAKH MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE
AND ADOPTION OF ARTSAKH'S CONSTITUTION**

President Sahakyan Lauds Independent and Strong Artsakh

Washington, DC – December 10 marks the 19th anniversary of the national Referendum in NKR, which served as a public endorsement of the political status of the newly-formed NKR as the nearly all eligible Artsakh voters (98.9%) voted for an “independent state acting on its own authority to decide forms of co-operation with other states and communities”.

More than a decade later, on the same day in 2006, Artsakh people reaffirmed their commitment to live in a free and independent state by adopting Artsakh's main law – Constitution of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, which consolidated all basic principles of state sovereignty and determined a new stage in republic's development.

Conducted in full compliance with international norms and acting legislation, the referenda represent pillars of Artsakh's independent statehood and mark key stages of continued democratic development.

Symbolically, December 10 is also the day of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights marked by the United Nations, which, inter alia, provides that “everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person”.

In connection with this fateful day, the republic's President Bako Sahakyan delivered a congratulatory address, stressing that the birth and existence of Artsakh entirely correspond

to the norms and principles of the international law. *(Below read the full text of President Sahakyan's address)*

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Congratulatory Address of Artsakh Republic President Bako Sahakyan in Connection with the Day of NKR State Independence Referendum and Constitution

Dear compatriots,

The December 10 twin holiday is among the most important and symbolic events for the independent Artsakh statehood. On this very day of 1991 and 2006 our people being the supreme sovereignty bearer of the state formed by their own volition, through referenda expressed their will and resoluteness to see Artsakh free, independent, and steadily strengthening country.

These crucial referenda have formed the philosophy of our statehood based on democracy, strong social system, the Armenia-Artsakh-Diaspora trinity and, of course, freedom and independence.

These exclusive ideas and values are permanent and unchangeable for us. We never give up the path we have embarked on. I am confident that the international community will undoubtedly recognize the independence of Artsakh as the birth and existence of our country entirely correspond to the norms and basic principles of the international law.

On behalf of the Artsakh Republic authorities and myself I congratulate our whole nation on this significant holiday and wish peace, robust health, happiness and all the best.

December 10, 2010

Stepanakert
Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh

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PRESS RELEASE

January 21, 2011

AZERBAIJAN'S MILITARY UNITS ONCE AGAIN VIOLATED A CEASE-FIRE

Counter measures of Karabakh Army set down Azeri provocation

WASHINGTON, DC – On January 20, 2011 Azerbaijani military units, acting in violation of 1994 cease-fire agreement, again unleashed an intensive firing of defense positions of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's Defense Army near Horadiz, Hadrut district killing a Karabakh soldier, Hovik Sukiasian. Artsakh defense forces had to take counter measures to restore a cease-fire. After suffering significant losses, Azeri military units had to cease a firing. The total number of casualties from Azeri side is confirming.

The Defense Ministries of Armenia and the NKR in separate statements condemned provocative actions of Azerbaijan. Its leadership is responsible for these actions since it either does not control the actions of its military units on the front line or directly organize the provocations. It once again proves the fact that Azerbaijan cannot be considered as a trustworthy party in Karabakh peace process and is not devoted to the peaceful settlement of the Karabakh-Azerbaijani conflict.

The Nagorno Karabakh Republic has remained committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict. At the same time, NKR authorities remain determined to undertake whatever measures necessary to ensure full protection of Artsakh people and sovereignty and will continue to prevent any provocations from Azeri side.

The NKR reiterates that a direct condemnation of Azerbaijan's provocations by the international community would help prevent further military escalation, and contribute to the mediating efforts under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group.

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**AZERBAIJAN CONTINUES TO MISLEAD INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BY SPONSORING
DUBIOUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Azerbaijan-promoted scholar presented his book on the Nagorno Karabakh conflict that misinterprets facts and contains doctored references

PRESS RELEASE
February 19, 2011

WASHINGTON, DC – Mr. Heiko Krueger from Germany, who identifies himself as “attorney at law and commentator on European and international affairs,” has recently presented his book “The Nagorno Karabakh Conflict: A Legal Analysis” during a public event organized by the Washington Center for Azerbaijani Studies and the Elliott School of International Affairs. His research was supposed to be about the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in the framework of international law.

To the disappointment of the audience, Mr. Krueger’s work appeared to be a rather primitive example of Azerbaijan’s state propaganda targeting the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and Armenia. The research contains crude misinterpretation of well-documented facts as well as prejudiced reading of norms and principals of international law. Furthermore, from snippets of Krueger’s text available online from Google Books it became disturbingly apparent that the author’s research is supported by doctored references and almost relies on insights by discredited Azerbaijani and Turkish academics. For instance, this includes Farida Mamedova, an Azerbaijani nationalist author denounced by Western and Russian authors for her anti-Armenian hate speech and bizarre historical fabrications.

Heiko Krueger clearly crossed the red line of academic integrity when he manipulated references in his text. One example of such transgression, identified almost immediately, was Professor A. Ionessian’s text about the Armenian national liberation movement in the 18th century where Prof. Ionessian writes about the five Armenian princes of Karabakh, describing their territorial possessions, regional status and armed forces. Mr. Krueger deleted references to Armenians and replaced them with “Albanians.” This manipulation seems to be identical to an infamous practice of Azerbaijani academics who were accused in the West in purging re-published primary sources of mentions of Armenians and misrepresenting Armenian cultural heritage as “[Caucasian] Albanian.” Please see below the misquotation found in Krueger’s book and A. Ionessian’s original text.

By presenting findings about the legal implications of violence committed during the Karabakh conflict, Heiko Krueger's book painstakingly dodged references to anti-Armenian ethnic cleanings and mass-murder campaigns organized by Azerbaijani government. This includes city-wide pogroms in Sumgait (1988), Kirovabad (1988) and Baku (1990), ethnic cleansing operations in the Shahumian (1991), Hadrut (1991) and Mardakert (1992) districts, Maragha massacre (1992) and other well-documented war crimes against Armenian civilians. While citing several times Human Rights Watch Report about violence during the Karabakh conflict, Heiko Krueger did not say a word about the bombardment of Armenian villages and towns including shelling of the capital city of Stepanakert by Azerbaijani forces from outposts in Shushi and Khojaly that "killed or maimed hundreds of civilians, destroyed homes, hospitals and other objects... and generally terrorized the civilian population." (Human Rights Watch Report, 1993- The former Soviet Union).

Those violations and crimes ignored by the author provided the full right for Nagorno Karabakh to claim so-called remedial secession from Azerbaijan that Mr. Krueger discusses in his book.

We call upon the international academic community to denounce the work of such unprincipled scholars who for some reason agreed to become mouthpieces for state propaganda of the corrupt oil dictatorship of Azerbaijan. Their unprofessional publications are aimed at misinforming international public about the history and reality of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

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See extract from: "The Nagorno Karabakh Conflict: A Legal Analysis" of Heiko Kruger:

"In the mountain region of Karabakh five melikdoms arose that were governed by princes (meliks) of Albanian origin subordinated to the khan of Karabakh"

(See footnote 46: Cf. Ioannisjan, *Rossija i armjanskoje osvoboditelnije dwischenije w 80-ch godach XVIII stoletija*, 1947, p.16)

Ioannisyan A.R. "Russia and Armenian Freedom Movement in the 80th of 17th century", 1947, page 16)

Now see a translation of the original text on page 16 quoted by Heiko Kruger

Ioannisyan A.R. "Russia and Armenian Freedom Movement in the 80th of 17th century", 1947, page 16

... The [principality] of Charaberd was located between the rivers of Terter and Khachen, the Khachen [principality] — to the South of this river [Khachen], then the [principality of]

Varanda and the [principality of] Dizak, separated by the River Araxes from the Karadagh khanate. In times of rule of Nadir Shah [of Persia], these principalities were prospering. While being thankful to the meliks (princes) for their support against the Turks, the [Persian] Shah confirmed them in their rights and possessions and protected them. At that time, the Armenian meliks (princes) were practically independent rulers in their domains, and had their own armed forces. They were directly subordinated to the Shah, paying him a certain tribute as the only token of dependence. There was a close union between the five meliks, and these unified principalities represented a formidable power in the feudal Transcaucasia.

However, after the killing of Nadir Shah — during the period of upheavals in Iran — the situation took an unfavorable turn for the Armenian meliks. The Turkish nomads increased their pressure. Panakh, a leader of the Jivanshir tribe, who placed under his control other Turkic tribes of the lowlands, and received the title of “khan” from one of the Iranian timeservers, tried to enter Nagorno Karabakh and establish his power over the Armenian meliks. By that time, in the 1750s, there was an internal discord among the Armenian principalities. Melik Shakhnazar who killed his brother, the legitimate melik (prince), seized power in the principality of Varanda. Four other rulers unified against the usurper. Melik Shakhnazar, known as an ambitious and unprincipled man, asked Panakh–khan for help and granted the latter a territory within the bounds of his principality. There, in the midst of forbidding mountains, Panakh-khan built the fortress of Shushi and moved in there.

Thus, the Karabakh khanate that did not exist before emerged in the mid-18th century. Soon, a new Karabakh khan was able to seize the principality of Khachen by killing its melik from the noble family of Hasan-Jalalians, and appointing Mirzakhan, a common village headman — who turned into his (Panakh’s) henchman — to the position of ruler.

The other three meliks started a fierce struggle against Panakh that lasted several years. The Dizak melik Isay, whose principality was located in the South and thus isolated from his allies, finally had to accept the Khan’s supremacy...

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KARABAKH'S U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Robert Avetisyan Discusses Prospects for Conflict Resolution
PRESS RELEASE
February 21, 2011

WASHINGTON, DC – On February 17, 2011, Artsakh's Permanent Representative in the United States Robert Avetisyan delivered a lecture in the Institute of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR) of George Mason University in Washington, DC suburb of Arlington, VA. Moderated by ICAR Director, Professor Andrea Bartoli, the event focused on legal, political and humanitarian aspects of the establishment of Nagorno Karabakh Republic, its achievements and future prospects for Artsakh's development.

In his remarks, Avetisyan reviewed the history and legal aspects of formation of NKR, and the challenges the newly-established republic has been facing since proclaiming independence in 1991. Artsakh's envoy also presented to the audience the republic's achievements in the economic development, and as a democratic state.

The question and answer session followed the NKR Representative's speech, during which Avetisyan fielded the attendees' inquiries about various aspects of the NK conflict. Closing the meeting, the Artsakh envoy reiterated that the republic's commitment to the peaceful resolution of the Azerbaijan-Karabakh, and stressed a solution to the conflict could only be viable if it takes into account the sovereign existence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic.

"NKR is open to a constructive dialogue with Azerbaijan", said Robert Avetisyan and expressed hope that Azerbaijan's leadership would eventually adopt a constructive stance making resolution of the conflict possible.

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Question 16:

During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of the Newsletters distributed during the reporting period (12/01/2010 – 05/31/2011)

ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

December, 2010

Artsakh Newsletter is produced by the Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the United States covering political and economic developments in the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh.

Happy New Year and Merry Christmas! Our best wishes for a healthy, prosperous and happy 2011!

POLITICS & SECURITY

OSCE monitors conducted a regular visit to the Line of Contact between Artsakh and Azeri armed forces on December 2, reporting no incidents. In recent days, NKR Defense Army has again noted an increase in sniper fire by the Azeri side.

The OSCE Summit held on December 1-2 in Astana, Kazakhstan adopted a special declaration to call for increased efforts to achieve "a peaceful and negotiated" settlement of conflicts.

Delegation from Artsakh headed by President Bako Sahakian visited US to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Telethon 2010 organized by the "Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund and broadcast from Hollywood.

During the trip, President Sahakian was hosted by Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and delivered a speech at the World Affairs Council of Orange County, California. See speech here: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/speeches/speeches/1112/>

13-year-old Artur Khudatyan was injured by a cluster bomb in southern Artsakh; he is currently recovering in Stepanakert hospital. The HALO Trust de-miners note that this is the fifth case of civilian injury from unexploded ordnance in 2010. See more info at: <http://news.am/eng/news/41999.html>

Over the last two weeks, Azeri armed forces continued provocations along the Line of Contact with Artsakh defense army. The NKR Defense Army registered close to 100 violations and no injuries.

December 10 marked anniversaries of two referenda held in Artsakh: on independence in 1991 and constitution in 2006. In his address to the nation, President Bako Sahakian argued that international recognition of Arstakh was inevitable. Full text of the address at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/speeches/addresses/1140/>

President Sahakian and Parliament Speaker Ashot Ghouljian received the European Parliament's Rapporteur on Armenia Tomasz Poreba of Poland. He also met with the chairperson of the NKR-based Organization of Refugees from Azerbaijan. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/workingMeetings/1151/>

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

Government of Artsakh submitted the republic's draft 2011 budget for parliamentary approval. The document sets the overall budget income at about \$168 million, with \$175 million in spending. Government officials noted that social programs would continue to take priority.

"Artsakh HEK" open joint stock company has recorded an unprecedented 152 million kwh of power generated in 2010. The company's income is due to reach \$3.3 million.

More than 7000 tourists visited Artsakh between January and September of 2010. Historical attractions, affordable lodging and hospitality are believed to contribute to increased interest.

Public Council for Foreign and Security Policy is preparing a "Declaration on the Right of NKR People to Peace and Free Development". In addition to public input, the Council will also seek parliamentary endorsement for the declaration.

Artsakh State Choir took second prize at an international competition in Vienna, Austria. The repertoire of Armenian musicians included works by Komitas, Schubert and Yerkanyan.

FTV International Co. announced setting up industrial facilities for manufacturing high tech products in Artsakh. The republic's authorities have pledged their support for the venture.

Karabakh Telecom mobile operator reduced its domestic and international rates by 25 to 50 percent. The company's CEO Ralph Yirikian told journalists the rates would continue to decrease in 2011.

To continue to foster population growth in Artsakh, Russian-Armenian businessman Ruben Vardanian will grant 73 local families with first and second-born children with \$2000 and \$3000 respectively.

A new information and analytical website Artsakh Today (<http://artsakhtoday.com/>) has been launched to increase international awareness about Artsakh's domestic developments and foreign affairs. Web site is in Armenian, Russian and English.

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

January, 2011

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POLITICS & SECURITY

NKR Defense Ministry reports that the number of cease-fire violations by Azerbaijan increased by 53% in 2010 compared to 2009. 5,871 cases of shooting and 30 attempts to cross the Line of Contact were registered.

Artsakh President's spokesperson David Babayan observes that referendum in South Sudan "marks a new stage in formation of states". Read more at: <http://int.armradio.am/?part=1&id=83801>

Artsakh's Government launched its own blog to foster stronger ties with the public.

NKR Foreign Minister Georgy Petrossian met with head of the Red Cross office in Stepanakert to discuss the organization's activity and cooperation with state structures. Read more at: <http://www.nkr.am/en/news/2011-01-14/326/>

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

Base Metals Co. remained the largest taxpayer in Artsakh in 2010 paying \$12 million to the republic's state budget. The mining company's profit last year totaled \$51 million, with its staff's average monthly salary at \$550.

27 families moved into new apartments in Kashatagh. The republic's government pledged to continue paying a special attention to region's comprehensive development. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/visits/1173/>

Compulsory insurance for motor vehicles came in force in Artsakh on January 01, 2011.

Artsakh will reward its distinguished sportsmen. Monetary prizes will be distributed among winners in Olympic Games and their trainers, as well as winners of World and European championships.

Stepanakert-based Center of Civic Initiatives NGO published a brochure "Women and Gender issues in Modern Karabakh Society" intended to promote gender democracy and equality.

The American Association of the Advancement of Science used satellite images to confirm a complete destruction of the medieval Armenian cemetery in Julfa, Nakhijevan. In December 2005, around 10,000 Armenian cross-stones (or Khachkars, in Armenian) were brutally destroyed by Azeri military units. The Armenian Assembly of America calls for a wide condemnation of Baku's continued policy of cultural genocide. Read more at: <http://capwiz.com/aaainc/issues/alert/?alertid=20819596>

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

On January 13, 1990, Azerbaijani nationalists launched methodical, house-by-house attacks on Armenians living in the Azerbaijani capital, weeklong attacks that came to be known as Baku pogroms. As a result, scores of Armenians were killed. Soviet authorities amid deadly attacks evacuated remnants of once 250,000-strong Armenian community of Baku. Read more at: http://nkrusa.org/nk_conflict/ethnic_cleansing_campaigns.shtml#baku

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POLITICS & SECURITY

Azerbaijan stepped up cease-fire violations since mid-January. NKR Defense Army spokesman promised to continue to respond adequately to any infringement.

An unexploded missile was discovered at a construction site in Stepanakert central park on January 31. This is the ninth discovery of unexploded ordnance in Artsakh in 2011.

A signature-gathering campaign "**In the Name of Peace in Artsakh**" is underway at the French Parliament. The NKR Permanent Representation to France reports that 145 out of 577 MPs have already signed the statement in support for recognition of Artsakh's independence. Read more at: <http://int.armradio.am/index.php?part=1&id=85154>

Declaration "Building a Democratic State by the Nagorno Karabakh Republic" has been distributed at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). Read more at: <http://www.nkr.am/en/news/2011-01-28/333/>

NKR Foreign Ministry condemned Baku's recent calls to the international community to refrain from visits to Artsakh. Statement by the Ministry characterized Azerbaijan's actions as "destructive, groundless and hostile infringement on Artsakh's interests". Read more at: http://nkrusa.org/news/daily_news.php?id=1933

Stepanakert welcomed the referendum in South Sudan. Artsakh MFA hopes for consistency in applying a similar approach in relation to the Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict. Read more at: http://nkrusa.org/nk_conflict/statements.php?id=25

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

According to the NKR MFA Consular Service, about 8,000 foreign citizens visited Artsakh in 2010, a 30 percent increase over 2009. Read more at: http://nkrusa.org/news/daily_news.php?id=1938

Supervisory department of the NKR Ministry of Finance has been reorganized into a new inspection body. In 2010, the structure has uncovered misuse of \$610,000 by state agencies.

Artsakh marked the 19th anniversary of the heroic defense of Karin Tak, a village in Shushi region that repelled an attack by a large Azerbaijani army force in early 1992.

Armenian entrepreneur and native of Javakhk donated ten new UAZ military SUVs for army needs. Egdar Aramyan, now residing in Russia, pledged continued support to Artsakh.

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February, 2011

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POLITICS & SECURITY

NKR Defense Army launched command and staff exercises on February 14 that in addition to the military involve security, law enforcement and emergency services, healthcare infrastructure and reservists.

On February 17, Defense Army units repelled an attack by an Azerbaijani unit near Jraberd, Mardakert region. The Defense Army reported no losses.

Foreign Minister Georgy Petrossian communicated NKR's concerns to Vice-President of the European Parliament László Tókécs and Human Rights Without Frontiers International. Read more at: <http://www.nkr.am/en/news/2011-02-09/335/>

Foreign Ministry commented on the latest International Crisis Group briefing Armenia and Azerbaijan: Preventing War released on February 8. Read more at: http://nkrusa.org/news/daily_news.php?id=1946

Representative in U.S. Robert Avetisyan shared NKR's views during two separate speaking appearances at Washington, DC-area Conflict Analysis and Resolution Institute (ICAR) of George Mason University on February 17 and New York University on February 23. See video of Avetisyan's opening remarks during ICAR's event at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9rbsGo1R2Y>. Read more at: <http://nkr.am/en/news/2011-02-25/341/>

On February 18 & February 28, Members of U.S. Congress Frank Pallone, Anna Eshoo, Adam Schiff and Jim Costa issued statements commemorating the massacre of Armenian residents of Sumgait, Azerbaijan in February 1988. Read more at: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/armenian-assembly-of-america/members-of-congress-honor-the-armenian-victims-of-azeri-pogroms-at-sumgait-baku/10150106091059691>

Artsakh Foreign Minister Georgi Petrosyan has visited to Washington, DC, where he had a number of meetings with members of U.S. Congress, experts of American think tanks, representatives of the Armenian-American community. Foreign Minister spoke at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) during the roundtable with the experts from Washington-based think tanks. He also delivered a speech in the U.S. Congress at the special event on the commemoration of the victims of Sumgait and Baku pogroms against Armenians. Read more at: <http://nkr.am/en/news/2011-03-02/344/>

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

Artsakh's tourist attractions were showcased at an International Tourism Exhibition in Madrid, Spain. NKR Tourism Development Agency will be represented at two similar upcoming venues in London and Berlin.

Armenian British Connect (ABC) non-governmental organization, associating socially active specialists and students studying abroad, has opened its office in Stepanakert.

A new building of the local hospital in the Vank village of Artsakh's Mardakert region was inaugurated on February 18. The project was sponsored by Levon Hayrapetian, Russia-based businessman and Vank native.

On February 20, President Bako Sahakian addressed the nation in connection with the Artsakh Revival Day that marked the beginning of the National-Liberation Movement in 1988. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/speeches/addresses/1207/>

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

On February 20, 1988, Nagorno Karabakh's legislature petitioned legislative bodies of Soviet Azerbaijan, Soviet Armenia and the USSR to reintegrate the region into Soviet Armenia. Azerbaijan's response to this peaceful political demand of Artsakh Armenians was to instigate attacks on ethnic Armenians living in Azerbaijan.

On February 26-29, 1988, the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait became an arena of violent pogroms against its Armenian residents. The pogroms in Sumgait were a brutal, organized attempt to block a political solution to the peaceful demands of the Artsakh Armenians for self-determination.

The events marked the beginning of a policy to depopulate Azerbaijan of Armenians. Conducted with the knowledge of Azerbaijan's authorities, the pogroms saw no comprehensive investigation and the organizers and many of the perpetrators of the crime went unpunished.

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

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POLITICS & SECURITY

Servicemen of the NKR Defense Army Arthur Aghababian and Aharon Hayrapetian were killed as a result of sniper fire across the Contact Line with Azerbaijan in separate incidents on March 10 and 17.

NKR authorities demanded an investigation, but OSCE monitors were unable to conduct it after Azerbaijan refused to cooperate. The OSCE mission headed by Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk was thus only able to visit the Artsakh side of the Line of Contact.

NKR Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense issued a joint statement on the death of an Azerbaijani boy near the Line of Contact dismissing false accusations of Azerbaijani government. Read More at:
<http://www.nkr.am/en/news/2011-03-12/347/>

President Bako Sahakian met with the OSCE Minsk Group Co-chairs to discuss the Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict settlement. Welcoming the willingness of the Minsk Group Co-chairs to elaborate mechanisms for investigating cases of ceasefire violation, President Sahakian noted that if applied they could have a serious effect in maintaining peace and stability. Read more at:
<http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/meetingsWithForeignDelegations/1235/>

Meeting with visiting OSCE Chairman-in-office Audronius Ažubalis, President Sahakian ruled out unilateral withdrawal of snipers from the Line of Contact, pointing to the need for the OSCE to pay more serious attention to the destructive anti-Armenian policy of Azerbaijan. Read more at:
<http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/meetingsWithForeignDelegations/1237/>

President Sahakian paid a working visit to France to meet with representatives of the French-Armenian community, and members of the French Parliament and the Senate. He also spoke at a conference on Nagorno Karabakh, organized by the French Institute of International Affairs and Strategic Studies. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/visits/1228/>

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

Artsakh's GDP in 2010 totaled \$324 million increasing from \$280 million in 2009. The NKR National Statistics Service (NSS) reports that GDP per capita amounted to \$2,205.

NSS reports that compared with 2009, the volume of foreign trade turnover grew by 18.5%, while exports grew by 30.5% and imports by 15.5%. Nearly 95% of the trade was conducted with CIS countries.

On March 14-19, Days of Russian Language were held in Artsakh schools under the auspices of the NKR Ministry of Education and Science. As part of the program, two friends - a Russian poet Viktor Konoplev and Artsakh writer Ashot Beglarian - held a public reading. And on March 16, a Center of Friends of Russian Culture was solemnly opened at Artsakh State University as part of the "Days of Russian Language in Artsakh Schools".

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

April, 2011

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POLITICS & SECURITY

OSCE officials conducted a regular monitoring of the Line of Contact between the armed forces of Artsakh and Azerbaijan on April 1. Visiting the Hadrut section of the LoC, monitors registered no cease-fire violations.

Unexploded ordnance (UXO) has been discovered and neutralized by HALO Trust specialists in Stepanakert. Previously a teenager was wounded in UXO incident last December.

Mediators from France, Russia and the United States arrived in Stepanakert as part of a regional trip. President Bako Sahakian received the OSCE Co-Chairs to discuss the latest developments in the negotiations with Azerbaijan. He characterized Azerbaijan's rhetoric and actions as undermining international mediation efforts.

French MP and Alfortville mayor René Rouquet in an opinion editorial for a local newspaper stressed that "Today, 95 years after the unpunished Armenian Genocide, I confirm more than ever the inalienable right of Armenians to self-determination". Read more at: <http://www.nkr.am/en/news/2011-04-01/353/>

A roundtable "Experience in Peace-building and in Peaceful Co-existence after an Armed Conflict" took place in Stepanakert as part of the "European Partnership for the Peaceful Settlement of the Conflict over Nagorno Karabakh" (EPNK) initiative. The discussion was organized by the International Alert, a London-based NGO.

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

A new tourism complex "Tourist Center" in Stepanakert will welcome first visitors in May 2011. The hotel's single and double occupancy rooms will accommodate up to sixty tourists.

"Mulberry" electronic management system is being introduced in Artsakh's state institutions. The system is already working in Armenia, and has proved itself as an effective way to reduce paperwork and save time for employees.

Beirut-based union "Artsakh" continues offering loans to families in Kashatagh. 72 families have already used the money to develop private cattle-breeding farms. Loans for 37 more families will be disbursed in coming days.

NKR Government reports 440 families have resettled in Artsakh since 2009. Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan says overall demographic growth remained among state's top priorities.

Minister of Education of Armenia Armen Ashotian visited Stepanakert to discuss cooperation in education sphere. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/workingMeetings/1258/>

American-born professor Nick Wagner is currently in his third year teaching English language at the Mesrop Mashtots University in Stepanakert. Wagner assessed the level of proficiency of students as 'satisfactory'.

"Jugha – an Interrupted Melody" is the title of a new documentary by Argam Ayvazian. Historian and researcher, Ayvazian arrived in Stepanakert as part of his work on the film, which will focus on the destruction of ancient Armenian cemeteries and monuments in Nakhichevan.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

On April 10, 1992, Azerbaijan's armed forces attacked the Armenian village of **Maragha** in northeastern Artsakh. After heavy artillery shelling, tanks rolled in, followed by infantry and looters. As a result, 45 villagers were killed, around hundred of women and children taken hostages. Baroness Caroline Cox, member of the British House of Lords and human rights activist, arrived within hours at the scene and found decapitated corpses, charred human remains, and survivors in shock. Later she would write that "it was truly like a contemporary Golgotha many times over". Read more at: <http://www.maragha.nk.am/>

On April 24 the world marked the **96rd anniversary of Armenian Genocide** committed by the **Ottoman Turkey**. The first genocide of the 20th century claimed the lives of more than **one and half million Armenians** - citizens of the Ottoman Empire. Despite a number of documented materials and recognition of the genocide by many governments and global organizations, Turkey still **denies** this tragedy. The genocide commemoration events took place all over the world including the United States capital. On April 13, 2011 the Annual Armenian Genocide Observance on Capitol Hill featured many **members of U.S. Congress**. In his remarks, **NKR Representative to the United States Robert Avetisyan** stated that "recognition of the Armenian Genocide by the United States will send a proper warning signal to those who still cherish the idea of ethnic cleansings; that the truth will prevail and the criminal actions will be named for what they are." (Read full speech of NKR Representative at: http://nkrusa.org/news/daily_news.php?id=2074)

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POLITICS & SECURITY

Presidents of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chair countries (US, France and Russia) issued a joint statement on the sidelines of the G8 Summit in Deauville, France urging leaders of the parties to the NK conflict "to take a decisive step towards a peaceful settlement." The statement noted that "only a negotiated settlement can lead to peace and stability". [Read more](#)

Minsk Group Co-Chairs arrived in Baku as part of the regional trip coming ahead of the Armenian and Azeri presidents' meeting in Kazan, Russia scheduled for June 25. Co-Chairs are also expected to visit Stepanakert and Yerevan.

NKR Permanent Representative to the United States Robert Avetisian has been appointed NKR Permanent Representative to Canada concurrently.

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

President Sahakian addressed participants of the 20th conference of the 'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund's Board of Trustees, and underlined the significance of the Fund's continued involvement in Artsakh's restoration and development. Sahakian noted that projects related to water supplies remained critical for Artsakh.

A new hotel complex **Park Hotel Artsakh** opened in Stepanakert. The hotel offers both single suites and family rooms and can accommodate up to 60 people.

Yerevan-based 'Bless' Universal Credit Company, an affordable mortgage provider, opened a branch in Stepanakert.

The National Statistics Service (NSS) reported a 9.7% growth in Artsakh's gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter of 2011.

NKR population increased in 2010 by 2,000 people, Artsakh's Premier reported. Ara Haroutyunian also says construction of social and economic objects throughout the Republic had tripled thanks to combined efforts of the Government and "Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund.

State Commission on Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide conducted its first meeting in Yerevan. President Sahakian noted Artsakh will help organize commemoration programs.

Members of the Board of Trustees of the 'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund visited the facilities built with the assistance of Armenians from around the world, including a new library that just opened in Shushi.

A new Shushi art museum will exhibit hundreds of paintings by Armenian and non-Armenian artists from dozens of countries. "This is a unique museum", says Grigory Gabrielians, a Russian-Armenian philanthropist who donated 25 paintings from his private collection.

Backyard construction by Yuri Hayrapetian from Stepanakert discovered a large wine jar with remains of a human skeleton. The burial site is typical for Armenia in the II-I centuries BC.

A monument to Kuban Cossacks was erected in the village of Vank. 14 Cossack volunteers died in 1992 while defending the villages in Artsakh's Martakert region.

"Nagorno Karabakh – a Chronicle of Hatred" is the title of a new book, published in Minsk, Belarus. Authored by Arsen Melik-Shahnazarov, political scientist and advisor to the NKR Foreign Minister, the book describes the preconditions for the NK conflict, and developments following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Two more works on Nagorno Karabakh were published in Italy (in Italian language) under the auspices of the Armenian Embassy in Rome. 'Karabakh's Rights – History of a Small State and a Great Nation' by Emanuele Aliprandi, and 'Karabakh Problem – a Thorny Path towards Freedom and Independence' by Nikolay Hovhannissian have been presented by the Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale.

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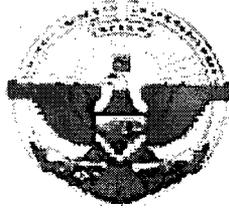
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- 24 - 16/12/2010

December 24, 2010

The Honorable Brad Sherman
U.S. House of Representatives
2242 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Sherman,

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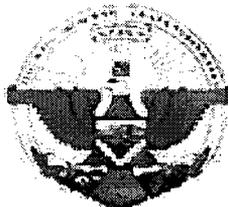
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December 24, 2010

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2447 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Schiff,

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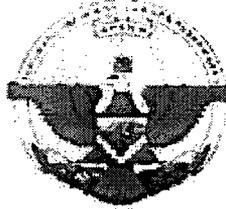
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December 24, 2010

Mr. Jay Rakow
President of the
Lincy Foundation
150 South Rodeo Dr. Suite 250
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Dear Mr. Rakow,

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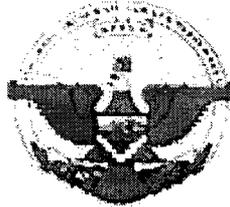
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U.S. House of Representatives
2410 RHOD
Washington, DC 20515

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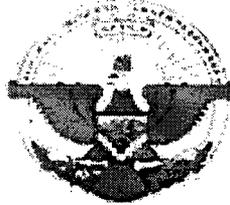
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the
U.S. House of Representatives
235 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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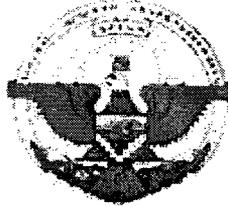
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December 24, 2010

The Honorable Frank Pallone
U.S. House of Representatives
237 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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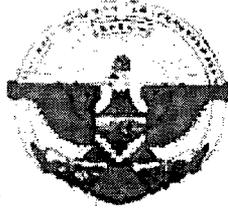
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U.S. Senate
1030 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. Secretary of State
The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

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Mr. Matthew Bryza

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U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Ms. Tina S. Kaidanow

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515**

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**The Honorable Devin Nunes
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515**

Dear Mr. Nunes

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The Honorable Shelley Berkley
House of Representatives
405 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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House of Representatives
2354 RHOB
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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bruce Braley
House of Representatives
1727 LHOB
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House of Representatives
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205 CHOB
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The Honorable Rush Holt
House of Representatives
1214 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Frank Pallone
House of Representatives
237 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pallone:

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Your letter to the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee Chairwoman Kay Granger and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, co-signed by other friends of the Armenian people on the Hill, is sending a strong signal that the US legislators will continue supporting Artsakh's aspirations to develop as a free and open society.

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The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
House of Representatives
1114 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Sarbanes
House of Representatives
2444 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sarbanes:

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The Honorable Jim Langevin
House of Representatives
109 CHOB
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The Honorable Jim Costa
House of Representatives
1314 Longworth HOB
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The Honorable Jackie Speier
House of Representatives
211 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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May 25, 2011

The Honorable Howard Berman
House of Representatives
2221 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Henry Waxman
House of Representatives
2204 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Grace Napolitano
House of Representatives
1610 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Elton Gallegly
House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

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House of Representatives
2161 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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House of Representatives
438 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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House of Representatives
128 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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House of Representatives
1717 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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