



## External Discussion Forum

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*The External Discussion Forum*

*Expressing deep appreciations* to the South Caucasian States for beginning a new and exciting chapter in their long history,

*Welcoming* the decision of Armenia and Azerbaijan to solve the conflict about Nagorno-Karabakh through the declaration of independence of the sovereign state of Nagorno-Karabakh,

*Noting with satisfaction* the right for Azeri refugees to return to Nagorno-Karabakh,

*Acknowledging* the work of external actors engaged as mediators in the conflict-resolution processes in the South Caucasus,

*Admitting* that the conflicts in Abkhazia and South-Ossetia remain unsolved for the time being,

*Bearing in mind* that international organizations do not act to solve but to help solving conflicts,

*Noting* that only sustained economic development can safeguard the effectiveness of the achieved solution and guarantee long-term stability in the region,

1. *Proposes* the creation of a South Caucasus Cooperation Council (SCCC):

- in which representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia regularly meet to discuss matters of co-operation in the security and stability sector
- to which a representative of Nagorno-Karabakh will be admitted after its independence has been internationally recognized
- with the option of inviting observers if agreed upon by all regular members
- which further discusses the possible creation of a Caucasian Regional Security Pact (CRSP);

2. *Recommends* that the SCCC assumes the following tasks such as border control, the prevention of human and drug trafficking and joint anti-terrorist operations within the region, ensuring the security of oil pipelines and other infrastructure vital to the economies of the region;

3. *Notes* that NATO engagement in the region is not considered to be necessary because there are already international organisations involved in the conflict management within the South Caucasus;

4. *Strongly recommends* that the United Nations and other international organizations monitor the peaceful repatriation of refugees and IDPs to Nagorno-Karabakh;
5. *Advises* the international community to supervise the adherence to human rights as specified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
6. *Encourages* the establishment of a Caucasus Security College (CSC) in Kazakhstan in co-operation of NATO and GUUAM to promote security training for Caucasian security officers and to create a foundation for a common South Caucasian perspective and identity;
7. *Determined* of the needs of international organizations to pursue further efforts in the conflict resolutions between Abkhazia and Georgia and South Ossetia and Georgia;
8. *Expresses* its continued commitment to stability in the region.