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Dear Mr. Silberhorn,

I would like to inform you that only yesterday I learnt that a discussion dedicated to the issue of refugees from and IDPs of Azerbaijan is going to be organized in the *Deutsche Parlamentarische Gesellschaft* with your participation. Being assured that for the distinguished members of Bundestag it would be valuable to learn also about the Armenian position on this very painful issue, I attempted to get an invitation to the event. Regretfully, all my efforts turned out to be futile. Since I do hope to meet you in person, I would rather refrain from attempting to present in this letter a comprehensive position of the Armenian Government on the Nagorno Karabagh conflict in general and on the problem of refugees, which is one of the dire consequences of the conflict, in particular.

The current situation has been created by Azerbaijan's actions to resolve the dispute by military force, obviously with unforeseen consequences for itself. We believe that a complete and fundamental resolution of the conflict, including a problem of refugees, can be achieved only on the basis of a comprehensive political settlement within the pivotal framework of the security of Nagorno Karabagh. Any discussion of, let alone attempt to resolve only one aspect of the conflict separately from the other issues of the conflict, and namely the status of Nagorno Karabagh, security guarantees for the people of Nagorno Karabagh and a corridor linking Nagorno Karabagh with the Republic of Armenia, cannot contribute to the peaceful settlement of the NK problem.

In this regard, I will highly appreciate if in the future while discussing issues related to the regional issues, you would find it appropriate to facilitate the participation of representatives of all sides engaged in the issues concerned. In the meantime, I would be very pleased to meet you in person at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Armen Martirosyan