

**STATEMENT ON THE RECONFIRMATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE**  
*by the acting Chairman of the CSCE Minsk Group, Ambassador Anders Bjurner*

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I welcome with great satisfaction the encouraging statements made simultaneously today by the leaderships of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh, in which they again reconfirm their firm commitment to observe the cease-fire until a wider political agreement has been concluded. The statements have all been made in accordance with the following, as proposed jointly by myself and by the Special Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation, Ambassador Vladimir Kazimirov.

*" Today, six months have elapsed since May 12, 1994, the day on which a cease-fire was declared by the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict. This agreement, reached after lengthy negotiations under the mediation by the Russian Federation in cooperation with the CSCE Minsk Group, has basically been observed. For the first time during the years of conflict, the cannons have fallen silent and the bloodshed has been stopped.*

*The parties have since reconfirmed their commitment to observe the cease-fire on a number of occasions.*

*Azerbaijan/ Armenia/ Nagorno Karabakh hereby reconfirms its unyielding commitment to continue observing the cease-fire until a political agreement on the cessation of the armed conflict has been signed.*

*Renewed orders have today been given to all armed forces to refrain from any action that could undermine the cease-fire and hamper the difficult process of reestablishing peace between the parties. The orders include punishment for those responsible for any violations of the cease-fire.*

*Azerbaijan/Armenia/Nagorno Karabakh will pay all due attention to the elaboration of political and military guarantees and expresses its firm conviction that an international peace-keeping force would constitute a vital contribution in ensuring the fulfilment of a political agreement, putting an end to this tragic conflict and restoring an atmosphere of peace, stability and cooperation in the region".*

The statement has been addressed to the Chairman of the CSCE Minsk Conference as well as to the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.