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#### **4. Armenia — Azerbaijan**

— **Joint resolution replacing B3-0747, 0754, 0767, 0781, 0795, 0816, 0824 and 0827/91**

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **on the situation in Armenia and Azerbaijan**

*The European Parliament,*

- A. deploring the continual aggravation of violence in the Caucasus, particularly against Armenians in the autonomous region of Karabakh, an enclave within Azerbaijan,
- B. whereas the most recent interventions by the Soviet army, instead of attempting to prevent further bloodshed, caused many casualties among the civilian population, and whereas this intervention combined with increased pressure from the Azerbaijanis, led to a large proportion of the population leaving Nagorno-Karabakh to take refuge in the Republic of Armenia,

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- C. respecting the decisions which will be taken independently by the people of the Soviet Union to determine their future, the state of their relations, and the destiny of their union,
- D. recalling its earlier resolutions on this subject,
  - 1. Condemns unequivocally the violence by the Soviet armed forces and the 'Azerbaijani forces' which has once more been inflicted on the Armenian population in Karabakh and Armenia;
  - 2. Formally calls on the Soviet and Azerbaijani authorities to put an immediate stop to these acts of violence;
  - 3. Urges the Soviet authorities to implement measures guaranteeing the following for Karabakh Armenians:
    - physical safety,
    - freedom of movement to Armenia,
    - the raising of the blockade by Azerbaijan,
    - the return of people driven away from their homes;
  - 4. Supports all efforts aimed at finding a political settlement to the problems of Nagorno-Karabakh and the various national groups in the region, in compliance with human rights standards;
  - 5. Calls on the central authorities of the Soviet Union to refrain from all acts of intimidation and from obstructing the planned referendum on the future of Armenia itself;
  - 6. Calls on the populations affected by the tension to make a major effort to embrace peaceful coexistence and cooperation between persons belonging to different ethnic, cultural and religious groups;
  - 7. Warns the Soviet Government that, under the conditions of the Paris Charter for a New Europe, the Community and its Member States cannot be indifferent to the brutal suppression of human rights in part of the USSR;
  - 8. Instructs its Enlarged Bureau to consider whether it would be appropriate to send a representative delegation from the EP to the region;
  - 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, European Political Cooperation, the Government of the USSR and the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan.