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dedicated to the 20th anniversary of NKR proclamation

on

“20 Years of NKR Independence: Realities and Prospects”

17-18 February, 2012
Stepanakert

Conference Program

February 16, 2012, Thursday

- 16.00 - Arrival of participants to Stepanakert, hotel check-in
- 19.00 - Opening of exhibition “Artsakh: the People and the Land” by
Amb. Vahe Gabrielyan, Director, Armenian Diplomatic School
(Stepanakert’s Culture Palace Hall)
- 20.00 - Dinner at the Armenia Hotel restaurant

February 17, 2012, Friday

- 8.30-9.30 Breakfast (at the hotels)
- 10.00-10.30 Registration of participants
(National Assembly Main Lobby)
- 10.30 Plenary session
(NKR National Assembly Sitting Hall)
- 11.50-12.20 Coffee break
- 12.20 - 13.40 First session in panels
- 13.40 - 15.00 Dinner at Armenia Hotel restaurant
- 15.00 -16.30 Second session in panels
- 17.00 - 18.30 Third session in panels
- 19.00 Book Presentation
- 20.00 Dinner

February 18, 2012, Saturday

- 8.30 - 9.30 - Breakfast (at the hotels)
- 10.00 -11.30 - The fourth session of the conference in panels
- 11.30 -12.00 - Coffee break
- 12.00 The meeting of the conference participants at the National Assembly
Conference Hall
- 12.00 - 12.30 - Summing up the work of the conference; closing
- 13.00 - 14.00 - Dinner at Armenia Hotel Restaurant
- 14.15 - 18.00 - Trip to Gandzasar monastery/Tigranakert site
- 19.00 - Concert dedicated to the jubilee of the Karabakh movement
- 20.30 - Dinner

February 19, 2012, Sunday

- 11.00 - Meeting of the conference participants with NKR President Bako Sahakyan at
breakfast
- 12.30 - Departure of conference participants from Stepanakert

Programme in Panels

February 17, 2012, Friday

10.30 - The plenary session at the NKR National Assembly Conference Hall

Opening Remarks

Ashot Ghoulyan - Speaker of the NKR National Assembly

Gagik Haroutyunyan - Chairman of the Constitutional Court of RA

Hayk Kotanjyan - President of the Association of Political Science of Armenia

Welcoming address

NKR President Bako Sahakyan's welcoming message

Rapporteurs

1. Mr. Vahram Atanesyan - MP (NKR) - Head of the NKR NA Commission on Foreign Affairs - "The NKR as a Balancing Subject of the Political Interests in the South Caucasus"
2. Mr. Otto Luchterhandt - Doctor of Law, Professor at the Hamburg University (Germany) - "Comparative-Legal Analysis of the Independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic"
3. Mr. Modest Kolerov - Chief Editor of "Regnum" Federal Information Agency, Moscow, Russia- "New Fragmentation and New Integration of the South Caucasus"
4. Maj. Gen. Hayk Kotanjian - Head, INSS (RA) –"Some Features of the Regional Security Dynamics in the South Caucasus"

Coffee Break

Panel 1:

Legal Bases of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's Independence

(At the Conference Hall of the “Armenia” Hotel)

12.00 - 13.40 - Participants invited to the Panel have meetings at the Artsakh State University and High Schools of Stepanakert (in accordance with individual programmes)

13.40 - 15.00 - Lunch break at the “Armenia” Hotel Restaurant

15.00 - 16.30 - The first session of the conference in the Panel

Moderator: Mr. Gagik Haroutyunyan - Chairman of the Constitutional Court of RA

Reporteurs:

1. Mr. Shahen Avagyan - International Law Expert (RA) - “The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict in the Context of the International Law”
2. Mr. Gevorg Danielyan - Doctor of Law, Professor, Adviser of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia, Board Chairman of the Center of the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Armenia (RA)- “Defense Capability as a State Mechanism Principle and the Key Issues of its Legal Regulation in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”
3. Taron Simonyan - Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Yerevan State University, Attorney (RA) - “Historical-Comparative Analysis of the Legal Guarantees of Nagorno-Karabakh’s Independence”
4. Mr. Arthur Vagharshyan - PhD in Law, Associate Professor, Head of the State, Theory and History of Law Department of the Yerevan State University (RA) - “Uti Possidetis Principle’s Application Features within the Context of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict”
5. Yuri Hayrapetyan - NKR Ombudsman - “The harmonious co-relation of the Principles of the Right of the People to Self-Determination and Respect for the Universal Human Rights in the Context of the State Independence of the NKR”

Discussion

Coffee break

17.00 - 18.30 - The second session of the Panel

Moderator: Mr. Gagik Ghazinyan - Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Yerevan State University (RA)

Reports:

6. Mr. Ararat Danielyan - Adviser to the President of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (NKR) - “Constitutionalism as a Consolidation Basis for the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic’s Statehood
7. Mr. Khachik Galstyan - PhD in Political Sciences, Associate Professor at the Yerevan State University, (RA) - “The Kosovo Precedent and the International Recognition Perspectives of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”
8. Mr. Hovhannes Nikoghosyan - PhD in Political Sciences, Head of the Political Processes and Technologies Department at the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University, (Yerevan, RA) - “Legal-Political Analysis of the UN Security Council Resolutions (1993) on the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”

9. Mr. Levon Gevorgyan - PhD in Law, Lawyer at “Harutyunyan and Partners” Law Office, (RA) - “Statehood Criteria in Contemporary International Law: Their Application and the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”

Discussion

Panel 2:

The Role and Place of the NKR
in the Regional and International Processes
(At the big Conference Hall of the NA)

12.20 - 13.40 - The first session

Moderator: Maj. Gen. Hayk Kotanjian - Head of RA Defence Ministry's Institute of National Strategic Studies, adviser to the RA Minister of Defence

Rapporteurs:

1. Mr. Souren Zolyan (RA) - Political Scientist, Head of the Yerevan State Linguistic University after V.Bryusov - “Nagorno-Karabakh: Old Problems - New Challenges” (in Russian)
2. Mr. Alexander Manasyan, (RA) - Corresponding member of the RA Academy of Sciences, Head of Political Research Academy NGO - “Political Arguments in the Context of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict”
3. Mr. Nikolay Havhannisyan, Corresponding member of the RA National Academy of Sciences, adviser to the Head of the RA DM Institute for Security Studies - “The Evolution of Nagorno-Karabakh's Statehood Concept”
4. Alexander Iskandaryan - Head of the Caucasus Institute, (Yerevan, RA) - “Karabakh as a Factor of Constructing the Region” - (in Russian)

Discussions

Lunch break

15.00 - 16.30 - The second session

Moderator: Mr. Souren Zolyan (RA) - Political Scientist, Head of the Yerevan State Linguistic University after V.Bryusov

Rapporteurs:

5. Mr. James Nixey,- Chatham House (Great Britain), Leader and Researcher of Russia and Eurasia Program - “Security Challenges in the South Caucasus and Black Sea Region”
6. Mr. Nikos Ligeros - Greece, Strategy Adviser of the National Defense School, Strategy Adviser of Greece Air Forces Academy - “Strategy, Independence and Artsakh Constitution”
7. Ms. Anne Marie De Hoon - Netherlands, Senior Counsel and Co-Director of the Netherlands Office of the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), - “The Problematic Venture of Applying International Law to Aggression. The Indeterminacy and Inherently Political Nature of the Notion of Aggression Discussed in Light of the Nagorno Karabakh Conflict”
8. Mr. Richard Giragosian - Head of the Regional Studies Center, (Yerevan, RA) - “A Region at Risk: Securing Karabagh's Strategic Position” - (in English)

Discussion
Coffee break

17.00 - 18.30 - The third session

Moderator: Mr. Karen Bekaryan - President of the “European Integration” NGO (RA)

Rapporteurs:

9. Mr. Masis Mayilyan - Head of the Artsakh Public Council for Foreign Policy and Security - “The Artsakh Settlement - 2011. Results and Perspectives”
10. Mrs. Zhanna Krikorova (NKR) - Head of the NKR Centre of International Cooperation - “Place and Role of the NKR Non-Governmental Sector in Regional and International Projects”
11. Mrs. Anna Mkrtchyan - “Armedia” Information, Analytical Agency (RA) - “Karabakh Settlement: Issues of Changing International Perception”
12. Mr. Rouben Safrastyan - Head of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (RA) - “Turkey’s Regional Geostrategy and the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”
13. Mr. Hrachya Arzumanyan - Political scientist, Adviser to the NKR Foreign Minister - “On the Necessity of a New Frame for the Artsakh Conflict Settlement”

Discussion

February 18, 2012, Saturday

10.00 - 11.30 - The fourth session

Moderator: Mr. Vahram Atanesyan (MP) - Head of the NKR NA Commission on Foreign Affairs

Rapporteurs:

14. Mr. Karen Bekaryan - President of the “European Integration” NGO (RA) - “The Logic and Development Scenarios of the Settlement Process”
15. Mr. Stanislav Tarasov, - PhD in History, Reporter of “Regnum” Federal Information Agency, Russia - “Karabakh and the “Great Middle East” American Project ”
16. Mr. Aleksey Martinov - Head of the International Institute of Newest States, Moscow, Russia - “Newest States as Active Participants of the World Processes” (in Russian)
17. Mr. Alexander Krilov - PhD in History, Research Fellow of the Institute of World Economics and International Relations - “South Caucasus: Some Features of the Post-Soviet Elite” (in Russian)
18. Mr. Mateusz Piskorski - Director of the European Center of Geopolitical Analysis (Poland), PhD in Political Science - “The Beginning of Realization of the “Great Middle East” Project as a Destabilizing Factor of the South Caucasus States”

Discussion
Coffee break

Panel III.

The Karabakh Issue as a National Problem (NKR NA Small Conference Hall, 2nd Floor)

13.40 Invited participants meet at the ASU (in accordance with individual programmes)

13.40 -15.00 Dinner at the “Armenia” Hotel Restaurant

15.00 - 16.30 First session

Moderator - Mr. Vahram Balayan, Vice-Rector of the Artsakh State University, Professor of the History Department

Rapporteurs:

1. Mr. Tevan Poghosyan - Head of the International Centre for Human Development (RA) - “Assessment of the Regional Conflicts in the context of EU Security Challenges. Perception in the NKR Society ”
2. Mr. Arthur Mkrtchyan Dean of the Sociology Faculty (Yerevan State University), PhD, Professor of Sociology - “Karabakh Conflict in the Context of the World-System Communication”
3. Mr. Emil Sanamian - Editor of “American Reporter” Newspaper (Washington, USA) - “The Karabakh Conflict in the Context of National Issues”
4. Mr. Arpat Avanesyan, - MP (NKR), Head of the NKR NA Commission on Financial, Budget and Economical Management, PHD, ASU Professor - “The University Education in Artsakh as a Result of National-Liberation Struggle”
5. Mr. Ararat Vardanyan - Associate Professor at the History Department of the Artsakh State University, Vice-Rector of the Mesrop Mashtots University - “Patriotic Activity of the Armenian General Benevolent Union in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”

Panel discussion

Coffee-break

17.00 - 18.30 Second Session

Moderator - Ararat Vardanyan, Associate Professor at the History Department of the Artsakh State University, Vice-Rector of the Mesrop Mashtots University

Rapporteurs

6. Mr. George Bournoutian - IONA College Professor (USA) - “1923 Russian Population Census as a Basic Argument Against Azerbaijan’s Historical Claims ”
7. Mr. Vahram Balayan — “Artsakh as an Armenian-Assembling Center and Bearer and Herald of Statehood Idea: Historical-Critical Analysis”
8. Mr. Khachatur Stepanyan - PhD in History, Associate Professor at the Armenian History Department of Armenian State Pedagogical University after Khachatur Abovyan (RA)– “The Problem of Annexing Artsakh to Soviet Azerbaijan on the Pages of Boston’s “Hayrenik” Monthly (1920-1930s)”
9. Mr. Vanik Virabyan - Doctor of History, Professor at Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction (RA) - “Artsakh-Karabakh Issue 1918-1920s”