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On September 27 Azerbaijan started a large-scale and unprovoked attack against Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) and Armenia. Azerbaijan waged a war during a global pandemic, against the call of the United Nations Secretary General for a global ceasefire.

These attacks are in direct violation of the ceasefire signed by Armenia, Artsakh, Azerbaijan in 1994.

With the support of Turkey, the war continued to escalate with indiscriminate bombings of civilian areas, attacking schools, hospitals, and churches. Turkey had also facilitated the participation and provision of Syrian mercenaries, along with its own Special Forces, to join the war against Artsakh.

This has resulted into thousands of casualties, including many civilians and civilian infrastructure. More than half of the population of Artsakh have been displaced and made their way to Armenia to seek refuge. Armenian prisoners of war have been brutally tortured and murdered.

Unfortunately, children became the biggest victims during this war. Due to Azerbaijani aggression, schools, kindergartens, educational buildings, and day-cares were targeted and destroyed. Over 24,000 children in Artsakh were deprived of their right to education established by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Countless children are being



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scarred by the psychological impact of daily exposure to rocket and missile attacks in civilian areas.

On November 9 a trilateral agreement was signed between Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia completely ignoring the rights of the Artsakh people and the ceasefire agreement of 1994.

Not only does this unjust agreement ignore the rights of the Artsakh people, but also the OSCE Minsk Group as the legitimate body that is entitled to resolve the conflict.

Taking into consideration,

- that this agreement does not safeguard the rights of the people of Artsakh;
- does not safeguard especially the rights of children: to be alive, protected from war, without deprivation from family, have the right to education, their own identity and safety according the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- does not guarantee the right of safe return of the prisoners of war;
- does not grant a legal status to the Republic of Artsakh;
- does not offer a sustainable solution to the conflict;
- that the reports of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the Council of Europe (ECRI) and of the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) attest to the impossibility of the Armenian populations to live freely in Azerbaijan;
- that the security and freedom of the Armenian populations of Nagorno-Karabakh are not guaranteed by the Republic of Azerbaijan;



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IFM-SEI strongly condemns Azerbaijan and Turkey's aggression and unprovoked attacks in Artsakh and Armenia and the committed war crimes against civilians, soldiers and POW's;

IFM-SEI strongly condemns Turkey's involvement in Artsakh;

IFM-SEI strongly condemns the use of Syrian mercenaries by Turkey;

IFM-SEI strongly condemns Azerbaijan's aggression on targeting maternity hospitals, schools, kindergartens, and educational institutes;

IFM-SEI calls upon the international community to condemn the violation of children's rights directly impacted by Azerbaijani aggression;

IFM-SEI calls upon UN and UNICEF in particular to guarantee the safety of the people and especially the children of Artsakh and to provide humanitarian aid to the displaced families;

IFM-SEI calls upon the international community to appeal for de-escalation and push for peaceful negotiations led by the OSCE Minsk Group;

IFM-SEI calls for the international recognition of the independent Republic of Artsakh.