AGAINST THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE

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This book presents summary of proceedings from the Global Forum "Against the Crime of Genocide", held in Yerevan on April 22-23, 2015.

We hope that the issues raised and the approaches set forth at the Forum will contribute to the elaboration of more efficient political solutions on such essential issues, as the responsibility for the crime of genocide, elimination of its consequences and impunity, the role of the governments, parliaments, international and regional organizations in prevention of this crime.

The core message of the Forum is the prevention and overcoming of the consequences of crime of genocide as one of the most prioritized challenges faced by humanity and the imperative of addressing them is beyond all kinds of political opportunism.

This publication is aimed at providing wider resonance to the statements delivered and the viewpoints presented at the Forum, which will have an importance in raising the international awareness on the matter. It provides to those interested in the Yerevan Global Forum with all the necessary information on delivered statements and remarks, program and structure of the Forum, thus, becoming a comprehensive source of reference for scientific and analytical researches on prevention of the crime of genocide.

As Co-Chairs of the working group on organization of the Forum, we express our special gratitude to the editorial board of this publication, as well as to all those involved in the preparatory and organizational process, the representatives of private sector and government agencies, under the guidance of Vigen Sargsyan, the Chief of Staff of the President of Armenia, Coordinator of the Events Dedicated to the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide.

Sincerely,

Garen Nazarian

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia

Artak Zakaryan

Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia



the **PROGRAM**

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

08:30 — Departure to Global Forum venue

09:30 — OPENING OF THE FORUM

Statement by H.E. Mr. **Serzh Sargsyan**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT:

Moderator: Luis Moreno-Ocampo
His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians,
Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe,
Daniel Feierstein, President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars

10:15 - BREAK

10:30 — PANEL ONE: "Evolution of the Tools of Prevention of Crimes Against Humanity in International Law"
Moderator: Geoffrey Robertson • Panelists: Frank Chalk, William A. Schabas, Israel W. Charny, Michael Bohlander, Donna-Lee Frieze, Donald Bloxham

13:30 - LUNCH

15:00 — PANEL TWO: "The Issue of Accountability and Elimination of the Consequences of Genocide" Moderator: Frank Chalk • Panelists: Roger W. Smith, Henry Theriault, Patrick Dumberry, Cengiz Aktar, Yair Auron, Ragip Zarakolu, Esther Mujawayo-Keiner

18:30 — Departure to dinner venue

19:30 — Official dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA (to follow after reception)

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08:30 — Exhibition "**Genocide**" by Nazik Armenakyan, Raphaël Dallaporta, Ziyah Gafić, Jan Grarup, Shannon Jensen, Alex Majoli, Simon Norfolk, Jacques Pugin

10:30 — "Churches against the Crime of Genocide: Human Life - God's Gift"

Ecumenical session under the auspices of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, presided by His Holliness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

15:00 — "International Legal Issues on the Prevention of the Crime of Genocide and Responsibility" Symposium organized by Ministry of Diaspora and Faculty of Law at Yerevan State University



THURSDAY 23 APRIL

09:15 — Departure to Global Forum venue: SCC

10:00 — PLENARY SESSION: "Parliamentarians Against the Crime of Genocide"

CO-CHAIRS:

- Patrick Devedjian (France)
- Nikolai Ryzhkov (Russian Federation)
- Caroline Cox (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Statement by H.E. Mr. **Galust Sahakyan**PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

remarks by parliamentary delegations and delegates

13:00 — CLOSING SESSION

Statement by H.E. Mr. **Edward Nalbandian**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Consideration of the outcome document draft "YEREVAN DECLARATION"

13:30 — LUNCH

15:15 — Departure to hotels

SIDE EVENTS -

 $10:\!00$ — "International Legal Issues on the Prevention of the Crime of Genocide and Responsibility" (continuation)

13:00 — "Genocide in Literature" book presentation organized by Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia.

13:30 — "Anatole France" postage stamp cancellation ceremony dedicated to the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide. Organized by "HayPost" CJSC, with the participation of the Armenian and French Parliamentary delegations.





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