

DECLARATION

ON LAUNCHING OF INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY – FREEDOM FOR KARABAKH”

(INITIATED BY MRS. LEYLA ALIYEVA,
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We representatives of youth organizations from different geographic, cultural and political background

Striving for contribution towards the peace and understanding between peoples, cultures and civilizations;

Rejecting the means of using violence, injustice, occupation, aggression and oppression in all their forms and manifestations;

Conscious on great responsibility laying upon all concerned citizens, civil society actors and in particular active youth of the world in regard to establishment of international justice, defending rights of oppressed and promoting peace;

Highlighting the danger for international peace and security presented by unresolved conflicts in the South Caucasus Region, in particular the danger of extended conflict in the Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan; **and calling** for its prompt resolution on the basis of principles of international law, particularly the relevant 4 resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;

Underlying the importance of cultural activities and commemorations of significant historic dates of common cultural heritage of humankind; of addressing differences between cultures and nations that have given rise to cultural and political conflicts; and recognizing the negative impact of ethnic, religious, political, humanitarian and territorial conflicts as major sources of violation of universal human rights, on the prospects of global inter-cultural dialogue.

Appreciating creative initiative by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator of ICYF-DC for inter-cultural dialogue on launching international awareness campaign under the motto of “**Justice for Khojaly, Freedom for Karabakh**” (*hereinafter Campaign*) and ICYF-DC efforts to promote international inter-cultural civil actions in this regard;

DECLARE:

1. **To call upon** international institution in particular the United Nations and the OSCE to extend their efforts in peaceful and just resolution of Nagorno Karabakh conflict on the basis of principles of international law; as well as to take all necessary measures for bringing those perpetrated the Khojaly massacre to justice the act, which will constitute a solemn message of vigorous opposition by international community to genocides, ethnic cleansings and massacres wherever they are perpetrated and whomever they are perpetrated against;
2. **To join** and actively participate in the International Campaign collectively and through inviting individual members by signing this Declaration, participating in international rallies, meetings and gatherings aimed at achieving the Campaign’s objectives; contributing to its creative idea of raising international awareness through production of images and photos;
3. **To call upon** our friends and networks on local, national and international levels to join the Campaign in diverse ways and actively contribute to image/photo messaging;
4. **To establish an** international youth E-network with the aim of disseminating of photo/image messages to international and regional inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to raise the awareness on Khojaly Massacre and unresolved issue of Nagorno Karabakh conflict;

5. **To call upon** international institutions to provide for organization of the events and exhibitions under the Campaign in their headquarters and during international gatherings, meeting and conventions to educate international decision-makers on the reality in the region of South Caucasus and to foster them for promotion of peace, security and freedom in the region; and to provide all necessary support toward the successful achievements of the objectives of the Campaign

6. **To support** establishment of a special web-site dedicated to online promotion of the Campaign and to invite participants of the Campaign to benefit from the services of the site and to forward their image/photo messages as well as commentaries and other contributions to its official E-mail address: campaign@icyf-dc.org