



Proposal for recommendation

Call for Justice: A land of heritage called Artsakh under destruction

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Title of recommendation:

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Context:

Difficulties of Armenian People: another crime after the centennial of Armenian Genocide

In September 2020, Azeri forces started a war against the Artsakh Republic, which is the second Armenian country in the world, located to the east of the Republic of Armenia. Significant injustice and oppression have taken place, as well as crimes against families and the loss of houses. The Armenian Genocide was recognized by the WSCF General Assembly of Bogotá in 2015. Yet another genocide was committed: the deportation of the Armenians of Artsakh. Following the war, Artsakh heritage and sanctuaries have been destroyed, creating a collective trauma as people were forced to leave their burning houses and enter into diaspora. As SCMs, we call for an end to this non-humanitarian act affecting both the material and social context of Artsakh and Armenians all over the world. The memory of the Armenian Genocide is not ancient history, but a fact of the modern day.

Impact on youth and students:

As with the Palestinian cause, WSCF needs to revolt against oppressors and advocate against oppression. WSCF, in solidarity with the Armenian SCMs in this federation, Armenian Church University Student Association - ACUSA and Christian Endeavor Union of Syria and Lebanon - CE Union (Hayem), must stand and build awareness in the world through its SCMs of the importance of opposing all genocide, including the genocides in/of Armenia, Syria, Greece, the Maronites and Rwanda.



Wording of the Recommendation:

- 1- Update the WSCF statement related to the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by recognizing the Republic of Artsakh
- 2- Raise awareness about the issue within SCMs (No Funding needed)
- 3- Raise awareness about the issue through social media (No Funding needed)
- 4- Help Armenian SCMs and societies to be in solidarity with the National Committees of Armenian Cause (Needs funding)