## **CITIZENS FOR PEACE**

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On 12-13 of February in Armenia took place a forum "Citizens for Peace" with participants from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia. The coordinator of the forum was Rasim Mirzayev with the support of the "German cultural and scientific association EuroKaukAsia" and "Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt)".

During the 2 days forum have been discussed the possible ways of peacebuilding in the Region, youth participation in processes and youth cooperation.

The host of the forum Sevak Kirakosyan asked all the participants to write down why shall this kind of event be continuous. Participants mentioned that "Without communication, we will always think bad about each other, while communication can be surprisingly different like it was during these two days", "Except problems in our countries, we have mutual problems in the region that we can solve together which will give a solution for each country's problems as well", "We need peace in a region to have a progress".

As Rasim Mirzaev mentioned people from Azerbaijan and Armenia need to stop revanchism and wait for the other side to do the first step to peace. It should be done from both sides without waiting for each other but taking responsibility for building a peaceful present and future.

Global Peace Ambassador from Armenia, Nelly Davtyan added, that continuous steps by youth towards peace finally one day will raise a national call from both countries to keep peace and never lose again family members or friends.

Rasim Mirzaev added the peace slogan from Germany in 1980s "Imagine it is a War and nobody goes".

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