

SPEECH

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Dear colleagues,

I have just three minutes to share with you the essence of my 45 year life in the context of social development.

As a woman born in a country affected by conflict, I have always held a deep, unwavering dream - that this conflict will end in my lifetime. When we speak of social development and justice, we must recognize one undeniable truth: without peace, these ideals are out of reach. Peace is the foundation upon which all other progress is built. Without it, no lasting good can be created.

This is why, for the past three years, Armenia has engaged in rigorous negotiations with our neighbor, Azerbaijan, working toward a peace agreement - a peace that we hope will bring stability, prosperity, and a brighter future to our region. For three years, both Armenia and Azerbaijan had an opportunity to lay out their visions and hopes on paper, striving for a future where peaceful coexistence is not just a dream but a reality. Today, that document stands - mutually agreed upon, ready for signing, and holding the promise of a new chapter for our people and our region. Armenia suggested to hold discussions in order to identify possible place and date for the signing of the document.

Honorable colleagues,

In order to successfully bring this historic phase to its conclusion, it is essential that you keep this matter at the forefront of your attention and your support. I am here to draw your focus to this issue. I am here to see my dream realized.

For the sake of peace, for the sake of social development, and justice.

I see I made it in 2 minutes.

Thank you.