



# ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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## PROCLAMATION

The **official** protocol-agreement for the establishment of relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Turkey, together with its prospective agenda, have already been made public and has attracted the attention of the Armenian and International mass media.

With the introduction of this Protocol - Armenian people everywhere are at the crossroads of a **serious and dangerous** period. A period of caution with extensive consequences attached to the many changes this represents.

In view of this reality, the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party (ADLP) declares its **intense reservation** against the implementation of this Protocol, and the ultimate responsibility the Armenian authorities are accepting.

We emphasize the following points as the “Rights” of our people. Rights that cannot and should not be signed away:

- A. **Only with the recognition and acceptance of the Armenian Genocide by Turkey** can the opening of borders, the normalization of the bilateral relations or the establishment of diplomatic representation on a level of bi-national neighborly countries, be allowed. The recognition of the rights of Armenians, the return of the Armenian lands to their rightful owners, and reimbursement of lost assets must somehow be accommodated in any far reaching Protocol agreement.
- B. The *decree* of preconditions, which Turkish authorities continue to stress, should remain as **exempt** demands, whatever ground or basics they may hold, not forgetting that since 1992 Turkey has kept Armenia under a mandatory blockade.
- C. The ADLP considers the acceptance of such a protocol as **illegitimate** which does not consider and take into account the proper rights of all Armenians including our expatriate Diaspora. And that this signed document (and will soon be sent to the national assembly for ratification) sets a *fait-accompli* precedent of ignoring the great suffering of our nation and our people without due representation.
- D. The apparent Turkish position, which bears the precondition of resolving the Karabagh issue in favor of Azerbaijan, for successfully establishing the bilateral relations.

The ADLP strongly believes that our Armenian authorities are committing a **Historic Error** by signing this agreement in its present state, and by implementing its subsequent procedures and timetables, with the lack of proper and effective long term accountability.



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The Armenian Democratic Liberal Party will persist with its thorough investigation, its consultations, analysis and publications, keeping this **major issue** open and on its permanent agenda announcing and condemning all historic, political and legal effects this Protocol can and will cause in the future.

Lastly, we urge our people to act against this anti Armenian document, with gravity and conscience, we appeal especially to the Armenian intellectual class, to our political activists and historians, and task them with this significant **obligation and assignment**.

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