Joint Statement of Presidents of Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Russian Federation on settlement of Nagorno Karabakh conflict

Upon the invitation of the President of the Russian Federation, Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation have meet in Astrakhan and discussed comprehensively the course of the settlement of Nagorno Karabakh conflict and its prospective.

Affirming items put in the Joint Statement signed in Moscow on November 2, 2008, the Presidents stated that the settlement of conflict by political and diplomatic means requires the continuation of efforts aimed at fostering ceasefire regime and confidence building measures in the military field. In this regard, Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia have agreed as a first step upon immediate swap of war prisoners and the return of corpses of the dead with the support of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and co-chairs of OSCE Minsk Group and to be guided by this approach in the future considering the special humanitarian nature of such issues.