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From the participants of peace-building meeting towards resolution of Karabakh conflict to the Leadership of the European Union

We, representatives of civil society participating in the meeting on the Åland Islands, organized jointly by Helsinki Citizens' Assembly and Åland Islands Peace Institute, within the peacekeeping program "Independent Civil Minsk Process" to resolve the Karabakh conflict, appeal to the leadership of the European Union with a call to increase attention and support towards the programs directed at strengthening civil society's engagement into the peace process.

A huge and positive experience of European integration that had provided the European nations high standards for ensuring human rights enforcement, developing the Rule of Law and common market, represents an inspiring example for all the Peoples of the South Caucasus. "We are convinced that this experience can become a positive stimulus to determine a joint strategy for peaceful co-existence and cooperation, to create the living conditions and a favorable public climate that would promote overcoming hostility as well as strengthen the peaceful resolution for the existing conflicts in South Caucasus.

We welcome the participation at our meeting The special Representative of The European Union to the South Caucasus Peter Semneby, and the support of his office to conduct this meeting and we express our hope that the following cooperation will promote an even more active participation of our societies for peace-building, creating security, trust and cooperation in South Caucasus.

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