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DECLARATION ON THE NEW PROJECTS ON THE CAUCASUS

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According to information some media spreads, a commission was founded in the European Parliament to manage the talks on the future of the Caucasus and Mr. Zakayev is leading a project to build a Confederation in the Caucasus. In this context there is a need to clarify our position against the new discussions on the Caucasus.

As the Council of United Circassia, our primary objective is to secure independence for our nation on our historical lands. We firmly believe that the nations of the Caucasus should collaborate in their pursuit of independence. Our goal is to support each Caucasus nation in reclaiming the independence they enjoyed prior to the Russian invasion that began in 1763. Our approach is deeply rooted in the principle of respecting each nation's right to self-determination. However, we hold the view that establishing a Confederation or Union without first determining the governmental structures and borders of each independent state could potentially lead to future conflicts, instability, and ambiguity in the region.

As the Council of United Circassia, we wish to make it clear that we do not endorse the Confederation Project or any other initiative that seeks to unify different communities within a single state. We firmly believe that Caucasus nations striving for independence should first establish their own independent states. It is crucial that the constitutions, governance systems, and borders of all independent states are defined and internationally recognized before any discussions of union or confederation take place. Subsequently, once sovereign and independent governments are in place, they should have the freedom to decide on the nature and extent of any Caucasus Union required to foster political, economic, legal, and military cooperation among them. We advocate for a process where these decisions are made independently by the nations involved, with full respect for their sovereignty and the principles of self-determination.



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