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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention the following article by Azerbaijani Ambassador to the United States Elin Suleymanov, titled, "[Pandemic highlights the protracted Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh region.](#)" The Ambassador discussed the pandemic's effects in highlighting the protracted Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict. He noted Armenia had denounced the OSCE Minsk Group's so-called Madrid Principles, which were endorsed by the presidents of France, Russia, and the United States in 2009, and which Azerbaijan accepted as a basis for negotiations, albeit "with some deep reservations."

*He wrote, "There is no other format for the negotiations, and rejecting these, admittedly imperfect principles, simply means abandoning peace talks altogether. This is why Azerbaijan, although enduring the Armenian occupation and the displacement of a million civilians as a result of ethnic cleansing, continued pursuing peace and engaging in the Minsk Group-led negotiations. This is what independent states and responsible members of the international community do, especially in our neighborhood of global strategic importance."*

Please see [here](#) for the full article and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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