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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share the below updates from over the weekend regarding the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

On Sunday, October 25, the United States, Armenia, and Azerbaijan issued a [joint statement](#), which noted that Armenian Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan and Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov met with Deputy Secretary of State Stephen E. Biegun on October 24 and “reaffirmed their countries’ commitment to implement and abide by the humanitarian ceasefire agreed in Moscow on October 10.” The humanitarian ceasefire took effect at 12:00 am EDT on October 26.

Additionally, the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group (Igor Popov of the Russian Federation, Stephane Visconti of France, and Andrew Schofer of the United States) released a [statement](#) on October 25, which noted, “The Co-Chairs urged the sides to take immediate steps to implement all aspects of the October 10 Moscow Joint Statement in accordance with their commitments, noting that they had reaffirmed these commitments with Paris on October 18... During their intensive discussions, the Co-Chairs and Foreign Ministers discussed implementing an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, possible parameters for monitoring the ceasefire, and initiating discussion of core substantive elements of a comprehensive solution, in accordance with the October 10 Joint Statement.”

The OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs and the Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan are [scheduled](#) to meet again in Geneva on October 29 to “discuss, reach agreement on, and begin implementation, in accordance with a timeline to be agreed upon, of all steps necessary to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in accordance with the basic principles accepted by the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia.”

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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