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### ETUCE denounces the escalating conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh

Following the escalation of the ongoing conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, ETUCE expresses its deep concern over the situation in the Southern Caucasus. Condemning any conflicts, in particular with the usage of armed violence, ETUCE calls on the respective governments to cease the aggression and confrontations and to re-launch the dialogue.

Guided by the fundamental principles and values such as peace, mutual respect, solidarity, and democracy, ETUCE reiterates that [...] “[in conflict and post conflict areas](#) and where populations live under occupation, the right to education is severely compromised if not totally absent. Where universities are targeted [by missiles] the capacity of a country to train teachers may be severely impaired’ [...]. The ongoing confrontation has an imminent negative implication on civil society, schools and other education institutions, and therefore on students and teachers. It directly deprives children from their fundamental right to education and moreover, puts both teachers’ and students’ lives at risk.

Denouncing any forms of violence and attacks, we affirm [...] “that all people in all nations [should live in peace](#), free from wars, conflicts, violence and exploitation, and enjoy a culture of respect for human rights, for democracy and social justice” [...].

Considering the unprecedented context of COVID-19 when international solidarity is needed more than ever to tackle the many emerging challenges that societies are facing now, an armed conflict puts even more pressure on the already suffering population.

ETUCE urges government officials of Armenia and Azerbaijan to commit to the observance of fundamental rights and freedoms as well as to the promotion of tolerance and peace as the guarantor of security in the territory.

ETUCE continuous monitoring the situation.

The European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) represents 127 education trade unions i.e. 11 million teachers in Europe. As a recognised Social Partner in education at EU level, ETUCE meets at regular intervals with the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE) in the frame of the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Education to negotiate and discuss education and employment topics relevant to teachers, academics and other education personnel in education. ETUCE is a European Trade Union Federation within ETUC, the European Trade Union Confederation. ETUCE is also the European Region of Education International (EI), the global federation of education trade unions.