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AGBU
Statement
on
Transition
Government

Our nation
has faced
extraordinary
challenges
over the past
century. At
each

juncture,
AGBU has
worked to
advance the
national
interest of
the Armenian
people and
has
historically
been at the
forefront on
issues when
the survival
of our nation
was at stake,
without
engaging in
local
Armenian
politics, in
Armenia or
the diaspora.
These times
are no
different.
This is a
defining
moment in
our history,
one that
requires
resolve,
courage and
vision on the
part of our
nation's
leaders, as
well as its
citizens and
supporters

around the
world.

In the last
two months,
we lived
through the
bitterness of
tremendous
loss, but we
are not a
defeated
nation. As
long as we
have the
strength and
wisdom to
heal our
wounds,
learn from
events,
rebuild our
shaken
homeland
and move
forward, we
will ensure
our sacred
place in
history and
civilization.
We are
acutely
aware that
unabated,
the
shockwaves
of the
Artsakh
catastrophe
may shatter
the very

foundation of
Armenian
statehood
and bring
upon us even
greater
vulnerabilitie
s. These
dangers are
felt and
feared by our
global
Armenian
community,
which must
be anchored
by a strong
and
sovereign
Armenia -
the pillar of
our identity.

Not a single
Armenian,
anywhere
across the
globe, can
allow this to
happen.

This is
neither the
time for
finger-
pointing nor
determining
blame for the
immensity of
failures that
got us to
where we are

today,
failures
compounded
over decades
of
shortcomings
. We are a
nation in
crisis
confronting a
volatile
political
situation.

Therefore,
extraordinary
action, both
symbolic and
direct, must
be taken. Our
young
democracy
must prove
its resilience
and strength
at this
critical time.

Of
paramount
importance is
preserving
the unity of
our people;
we cannot
afford the
risk of
further
fallout or
even
violence. It is
our belief
that an

independent
body,
disassociated
with present
and past
administratio
ns, should
assume
leadership as
a transitional
government.
It should be
comprised of
citizens
recognized
for their
knowledge
and expertise
working with
qualified and
respected
advisors from
Armenia and
the diaspora
to provide
insight and
support
across key
sectors. We
call upon the
Prime
Minister in
his good will
and
conscience,
and for the
sake of the
nation and
every
Armenian, to
yield his

position so
that this new,
temporary
government
can be
formed. We
want to
ensure that a
legitimate
independent
body
assumes
interim
leadership
until fair and
democratic
elections can
be held. This
body, having
a clear
understandin
g and respect
for the
realities we
must
confront,
should serve
with
objectivity to
get us
through this
watershed
moment in
our history.

As with all
democracies,
this must be
a peaceful
transition
through a
lawful and

constitutiona
l process that
must uphold
the highest
democratic
standards
with
profound
respect for
the
fundamental
rights of all
citizens. We
call on
Parliament to
support this
transitional
government.
This process
should also
involve our
Armenian
Apostolic
Church and
the Mother
See of
Etchmiadzin,
whose
leadership
has been a
beacon of
hope for our
nation
through
challenging
times
throughout
its more than
1700-year
history.

As an

organization
that has
accompanied
our nation on
its arduous
journey since
our founding
in 1906 and
has stood by
our nation
through both
Ottoman and
Soviet
governance,
as well as
independenc
e, we
solemnly
renew our
pledge to
ensure the
bright future
of Armenia,
to the
reconstructio
n of our
ravaged
Artsakh, and
to our
mission to
tend to the
humanitarian
and social
needs of our
people in
Armenia and
across the
globe. In the
coming
weeks, we
will convene

leaders of
our global
community to
jointly
develop
strategies to
overcome the
consequence
s of the war
and to
quickly
return to the
path of
nation-
building and
development.

We pray for
the wisdom
of our nation,
the speedy
healing of
our wounds
and the
recovery
from political
turmoil. We
also bow to
the memory
of our fallen
heroes and
wish a
speedy
recovery to
the wounded,
whose
bravery and
sacrifice
have left an
indelible
mark on our
hearts and

will guide us
throughout
our lives.
And we
appeal to
every single
Armenian in
Armenia, in
Artsakh and
across the
diaspora to
remain
engaged,
strong, and
committed to
our nation as
we confront
these
difficult
times and
together
build a better
future.

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appeal in the
following
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