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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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