



Worsening Humanitarian Situation in Nagorno Karabakh

The 15th General Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) held from 28 September to 3 October 2023 in Kottayam, India is deeply concerned about the worsening humanitarian situation within the blockaded Nagorno-Karabakh region, also known as Artsakh in Central Asia.

We the participants attending the 15th CCA General Assembly of CCA urge the immediate lifting of the blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh currently facing a dire humanitarian crisis affecting more than 120,000 individuals, including 30,000 children.

The official delegates and the participants of the 15th CCA General Assembly strongly condemn Azerbaijan's blockade of the ethnic Armenian region of Nagorno-Karabakh, and denounce it as a violation of international agreements, humanitarian and human rights principles, and moral standards. The deliberate obstruction of the Lachin corridor exacerbates an already dire situation for the Armenian residents. Such actions contradict the claims of goodwill and humanitarian responsibility made by Azerbaijan, underscoring the urgent need for international attention.

As the crisis reaches critical levels, the 15th CCA General Assembly emphasises the urgent need for immediate action from the global community, and urges the international community to promptly intervene in order to dismantle the blockade and safeguard the lives of those residing in Artsakh.

The 15th CCA General Assembly calls for dialogue and diplomatic initiatives to establish just and lasting peace in the region.

¹ Based on CCA Statement issues on 18 August 2023.