



Call upon the European institutions

Democracy under Threat in Azerbaijan We need to take a Stand

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ALDA has been actively involved in furthering the democratic and European path undertaken by Azerbaijan. We have several active members in the country, and have with them successfully implemented different activities to that end.

We are extremely concerned by the restrictive amendments to the NGO Act passed by the Azeri Parliament on 17th December 2013 to control the activities of NGOs. The Act is currently in the President's Office for the final approval. We join the 60 national NGOs' appeal to the Head of State not to sign those amendments, complicating their already difficult working conditions, and we encourage these non-governmental organizations to continue the previously initiated dialogue between the authorities and civil society.

We call upon the European Institutions and the Council of Europe to immediately and clearly oppose the above-mentioned amendments to the NGO Act.

We call upon our members to sign our call to support democracy in Azerbaijan.

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