

Joint Declaration
on a Strategic Agenda for the Bilateral Partnership
between
the Federal Republic of Germany
and
the Republic of Armenia

The Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter: Sides) recognise the long-standing and friendly relations between the Sides. They affirm their mutual desire to deepen their bilateral partnership and cooperation and recognise their mutual trust and convergence of interests in various fields. Recalling their mutual commitment to uphold and promote freedom of speech, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and the rules-based international order, including the respect for each state's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, the Sides reaffirm their joint commitment to the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act and other international legal instruments promoting peace and security.

The Sides recall the framework set out by the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) as well as the priorities defined in the Strategic Agenda for the EU-Armenia Partnership. They note the aspiration of the Republic of Armenia to further strengthen its ties with the European Union and the broader community of democratic states and the significance of established cooperation formats and initiatives regarding bilateral political dialogue, development cooperation, security sector support, joint efforts in combatting cyber threats and countering disinformation, as well as economic, cultural and scientific cooperation.

The Sides share the positive assessment of the initialling of the Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and Interstate Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan and welcome recent developments towards normalisation of bilateral Armenia-Azerbaijan relations. The Sides are united in their view that full normalisation of these relations, as well as those between Armenia and Türkiye, represent opportunities for a peaceful and prosperous South Caucasus region.

The Sides have reached the following understanding:

1. The Sides intend to cooperate in fields including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Political and Diplomatic Cooperation: regular consultations between ministries, agencies, and diplomatic missions; exchanges of high-level visits; and subject-specific dialogues.
 - b. Economic and Trade Cooperation: promotion of bilateral trade and investment opportunities; collaboration in biodiversity including in the context of COP17 hosted in Yerevan, energy, connectivity and infrastructure, technology, and transportation as well as development of tourism.
 - c. Development and Capacity-Building: continued cooperation, inter alia through technical and financial assistance programs and training initiatives in areas such as sustainable economic development, vocational training, renewable energy and energy efficiency, climate and environment protection, biodiversity and nature conservation, water management, good governance and municipal development, justice and constitutional reform, promotion of the rule of law; joint projects aimed at socio-economic development.

d. Culture, Education, Language and People-to-People Exchanges: academic partnerships and research collaboration, scholarships; twin city arrangements; cultural exchange activities and programmes that foster mutual understanding, including in the field of youth and sports.

e. Science, Technology, and Innovation: joint research projects; cooperation in digital transformation, emerging technologies, and innovation ecosystems.

f. Security and Defence: dialogue on regional and global security issues including nuclear safety, cyber security, combatting disinformation; cooperation in security sector reforms and activities connected with the UN resolution on women, peace and security; exchange of information and best practices in areas of shared concern.

2. This declaration is not an international treaty and consequently does not create legal rights and obligations under domestic or international law. The implementation of activities under this declaration will be subject to the availability of resources and in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the Sides. Additional areas of cooperation may be identified and mutually decided upon by the Sides. This Joint Declaration may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of both Sides. Each Side may end cooperation under this Joint Declaration at any time. It should inform the other Side in writing of its intention to end cooperation at least six months prior.