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Hocalı Soykırımının Tanınması İçin İslam İşbirliği Teşkilatının Aldığı Önlemler

The events of Organization Islamic Cooperation about the
recognition of Khojaly genocide

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Öz

XX. yüzyılın sonunda Ermenistan'ın Azerbaycan'a karşı işgalcilik politikasının en kanlı tarihi, Hocalı Soykırımı'dır. 26 Şubat 1992 yılında Ermeni birlikleri ve paralı Rus askerleri Karabağ'da Hocalı şehrine saldırdılar. Bir gecede tarihi şehrin sivil halkı Türk ve Müslüman oldukları için soykırıma maruz kaldı.

Azerbaycan Parlamentosu soykırımın yaşandığı andan itibaren gerçeklerin dünya kamuoyuna ulaştırılmasına çalışmaktadır. Hocalı Soykırımı ile ilgili dünya devletlerinin parlamentolarına ve uluslararası örgütlere başvurarak, Ermeni silahlı birliklerinin Hocalı'da soykırım yaptıklarını ve bölgede katliamın önünü kesmeye çağırmaktadır.

Azerbaycan hükümetinin uluslararası kuruluşlara yaptığı başvuruya, İslam İşbirliği Teşkilatı (İİT) tarafından olumlu tepki verilmiştir. Bu politikanın reel sonuçlarında, İslam Konferansı Diyalog ve İşbirliği Gençlik Forumu (ICYF-DC) ve İİT Parlamenterler Birliğinin (İİT PB) faaliyeti etkili olmuştur.

Araştırma sonucunda, Hocalı faciasının “soykırım” olarak kabul edilmesi, uluslararası hukuki değerin verilmesi yönünden belirli işler görülse de, kesin sonucun elde edilmediği anlaşılmıştır. Üç ülke faciayı soykırım olarak tanıdığını bildirmiştir.

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Alınmaya çalışılan tüm bu tedbirlerin amacı, bir daha bu gibi faciaların yaşanmaması için Hocalı Soykırımı'na dünya kamuoyu tarafından hukuki-siyasi ve manevi değerin verilmesini başarmaktır. Çağdaş uluslararası hukukta bu gibi tutum, uluslararası kuruluşların ve büyük devletlerin tavrı ile belirlenmektedir. Hocalı Soykırımı'nın uluslararası ölçekte hukuki değerini kazanabilmesi için, Azerbaycan Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ve İİT kurumları arasında işbirliğini zorunlu görmekteyiz.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Soykırım, Hocalı, Azerbaycan, Uluslararası örgütler, İİT

Abstract

The most bloody history of Armenia's invasion policy over Azerbaijan at the end of 20th century is Khojaly genocide. On February 26, 1992 armenian military groups and hider russian troop invaded Khojaly, which was besieged at that time. Civil settlers of ancient city were incured to genocide only because of that they were turkish-muslim people.

Azerbaijan Parliament does its best to dispatch the realities of genocide to international world especially since the occurance of these events. The reaction to appeal of Azerbaijan administration to international organizations came from OIC. In this occasion, activites of ICYF-DC and RUIC cause to major results. At the result the resolutions of PUIC calls to recognize the massacre of Armenian military groups aganist civilians of Azerbaijan on February 26, 1992 and demands to incline guilties of this genocide to responsibility. This resolution is the first document, which recognized Khojaly tragedy by international organizatios.

Although there has been done some activities in the direction of recognition of Khojaly tragedy as "genocide" there has not been acquired any concrete result.

It is very essential to make cooperation between the administration of Azerbaijan Republic and organs of OIC in order to acquire political evaluation of genocide in international system.

Key Words: Genocide, Khojaly, Azerbaijan, İnternational Organization, OIC

Introduction

The first international organization, which Azerbaijan entered after the declaration of state independence to is the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC)¹. Beginning from the entrence to OIC the independence of Azerbaijan was recognized by state-members of the organization along with the recognition of the inderpendence, there were created mutual realitions with the member states of OIC and opened the enbassies as well. Azerbaijan,

¹ According to the Resolution of 38th Islamic Conference (2011, June 28-30, Astana) of Ministers of Foregn Affairs, the name of the Organization of Islamic Conferance has been changed to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation sence 2011.

which gained a chance to utilize from information space and political support of Islamic world acquired a possibility to exit from information blockade, especially to warn the world population about the invasion policy of Armenia by the vehicle of their organization.

First of all, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other states of OIC began to shape diplomatic relations with Azerbaijan, as well as to defend the interests of Azerbaijan in international ceremonies. If we take into account the first years of the membership of Azerbaijan, then we can see that, the mutual relations were only in the level of humanitarian aid and moral support. And this was related with the war, occurred at the result of Armenia's invasion to Azerbaijan.

After Azerbaijan gained independence the Armenian aggressors in the Nagorno-Karabakh destroyed hundreds of settlements and made thousands of people leave their homes. However, the Khojaly massacre was the most tragic of all.

The most bloody and hard history of the war is related with Khojaly genocide. This genocide was the continuation of the genocide of Armenians, which they implemented the whole 20th century. There were killed 613 people (as well as, 106 women, 63 children, 70 old men), were ruined 8 families, 25 children lost both parents and 130 people lost one of the parents at the result of genocide. On February 26, 1275 civil people were captivated. After the conquer of this city and implementation of genocide over its people, Armenian military groups intensified the attacks to other settlements of Azerbaijan and the regions around Nagorno Karabakh were conquered.

The organization made negotiations with Armenian administration during the years of 1991-1993, in which Armenia continued its military invasion to Azerbaijan lands. But as Armenia didn't change her expansive policy and didn't stop hostilities, the negotiations were stopped. OIC took into account the interests of Azerbaijan, which attempted to act together with OSCE and UN, and to look for the ways of influence to Armenia. There was discussed expansionist policy on Armenia in Azerbaijan regions, there were accepted resolutions, which criticized aggressive policy, crimes against civil population, displacement of people from their native lands in Islam Summits and in the conferences of OIC bodies. It is important to mention the

participation of OIC and its member states in the adaption of UN resultions about Nagorno Karabakh as well².

It is obvious that, the president of Azerbaijan Republic, H.A.Aliyev, who did his best to solve the problem of liberation of Azerbaijan lands from annexion in international level payed attention to wtilize from the opportunities of OIC. He stressed these issues beginning from the first official meeting with the official representatives of OIC and administrative chiefs of member countries of the organization, informed them about the results of Armenia aganist Azerbaijan and about the results of the war, inclined the organization to act much more concretely in these issues³.

International legal-political attitude to Khojaly Genocide

The most bloody history of expansionist policy of Armenia aganist Azerbaijan was Khojaly genocide. Armenian military groups together with hired russion army attacked to Khojaly city on February 26, 1992⁴. At that thus ancient city incured to the genocycle.

In the 10th year anniversary of the genocide the president of Azerbaijan Republic H.A.Aliyev nominated the racional plan in order to attain the ratification of this tragedy in legal-political an unternational level:

“The Khojaly tragedy is a bloody page of the Armenian policy of ethnic cleansing and genocide against the Azerbaijani people which has been going on over two hundred years. This policy backed by some states was conducted during the tsarist Russia and Soviet period and resulted in mass deportation of the Azerbaijanis from their homes, and mass destruction after the collapse of the USSR. Two million Azerbaijanis suffered from the results of the Armenian policy of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

Today we have the duty to dispatch the reality about Khojaly genocide, commonly wildness of Armenians in Nagorno Krabakh to world countries, parliaments and sosieties, as well

² For wider information look: Quliyeva Saida, “H.A.Aliyev’s role the formation of the position of Orqanization of Islamic Conference to the expansionist policy of Armenia aganist Azerbaijan (1991-2003). *Diplomacy world*. The journal of the Ministry of Foregn Affairs of Azerbaijan Republic. Baku, 27/2010, p.31-39.

³ *Haydar Aliyevand the East*. In 6 volume. 5th volume: OIC countries/ collector. – Lecturer Q.Allahverdiyev, V.Sultanzadeh; editor M.Qurbanli. Baku: Chashioglu, 2005. - 357 pages; Quliyeva Saida, the mentioned work, p. 31-39.

⁴ Boran Aziz, *Khojaly genocide: causes, the methools, of implentation and results*. Baku, Azərneshr, 2008, p.65-112.

as to achieve to the ratification of this tragedy as true genocide. It is our poluty in civil and human front of the spirits of Khojaly martyrs. On the other side, to succeed to the legal-political evaluation of this tragedy in international world, to punish is ideologists, organizers and executers are the main terms in arder not to repeat such cruel acts against the mankind.

Now the Azerbaijani government and people must inform the world community about the massacre and achieve its recognition as a genocide. It is our debt for the martyrs of Khojali; at the same time, it is necessary to punish the organizers of that massacre.

The Azerbaijani government, citizens and diaspora abroad take a lot of measures for informing the world community about the massacre: books are being written, researches are being made, the massacre is being discussed in the parliaments of different countries and international organizations. Now it is important to pursue this course regularly and achieve the legal and political evluation of the tragedy internationally”⁵.

Khojaly genocide and the ussue of its recognition in international level are in the attention of the Parliament and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan Republic – from the first days.

The Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic appeals to word Parleaments and international organizations about Khojaly genocyde beginning from 1992⁶.

On March 13in 1992, the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Azerbaijan appealed to the parliaments of the world to direct them to take into account the continuous attacks on Azerbaijani territories started a day before by Armenian Armed Forces and inform them about committed genocide in Khojaly by mentioned neighboring country. The Soviet challenged the international powers to prevent current exterminations and demand Armenia to stop trampling on international law⁷. This decision was the first official legal document adopted by the government of Azerbaijan which confirmed the Armenia’s aggressive policy against Azerbaijan and assessed the Khojaly tragedy as genocide. According to the 10th article, it was required by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan to accelerate and complete the

⁵ "Azerbaijan" paper, Fevruary 26, 2002.

⁶ The Archive of the Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic.

⁷ The Archive of the Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic. Fondation 2941. Survey 1, Work 19, s.21-28

process of establishing diplomatic missions in foreign countries in order to improve international relations with them.

At the time mentioned, Azerbaijan, having no diplomatic missions abroad till that time, launched to establish and promote international relations with foreign countries and was accepted as a member of the UN. Therefore, since 1995 in the applications adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan, aimed at getting the attention of international organizations and world powers, it was asked to condemn the current situation carried out as a result of the military aggression of Armenia, atrocities committed against the peaceful population, Armenian deportation of Azerbaijanis from their motherlands and changing the names of those territories⁸. In 1996, 2002, 2007, such kind of applications were developed to acquire worthy results⁹.

These activities by the government of Azerbaijan, are very successful in the frame of the Organization of Islamic Countries.

ICYF toward recognition of the Khojaly genocide.

In 2006 at the initiative of Youth Forum for Cooperation¹⁰ (ICYF)¹¹, the book named "Karabakh: facts and results" was established in Arabic as a series of "Humanitarian tragedies in the OIC countries". In the 33rd Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers the book was officially presented to delegations from 57 member states and was shared among media representatives.

On March 6, 2007 in Jeddah, Islamic Conference of Cultural and Social Affairs as a high-level group of experts of the OIC discussed the draft decision proposed by ICYF which was about the Khojaly genocide. According to the resolution adopted in the conference, the member states unanimously recognized the Khojaly tragedy as the mass extermination committed by the Armenian armed forces against the peaceful Azerbaijani population¹².

General Coordinator of ICYF for Intellectual Dialogue, Leyla Aliyeva initiated "Karabakh Liberation-Justice for Khojaly" campaign on the anniversary day of occupation of Shusha (May 8, 2008). The campaign

⁸The Archive of the Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic. Fondation 2941. Survey 1, Work 313, s.38-40.

⁹The Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic // <http://www.meclis.gov.az>

¹⁰ Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) // <http://www.icyf-dc.org/en>

¹¹It was created by the initiative of Azerbaijan in 2006/ Head-quarter of it is situated in İstanbul.

¹²"The paper of People", March 8, 2007.

meant to inform the world about the truth of the massacre and achieve legal, political and moral evaluation of the exterminations committed. In order to realize this mission, there was set up a website to extend the participants of the campaign throughout the year. Various news related to the genocide and actions, and applications addressed to different international organizations, parliaments and etc. were set on the site. The number showing the people who signed the application is 144448 for now¹³. The draft resolution about the Khojaly genocide, prepared at the initiative of ICYF was presented to several OIC conferences (the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Education, the 5th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, the XXXIV and XXXV Islamic Summit of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs)¹⁴.

In the meeting of intergovernmental expert group (16-17 may 2008; Istanbul) ICYF and ISESCO together declare “Day of Commemoration” for the humanitarian tragedies committed against the OIC peoples and the date of Khojaly tragedy - 26 of February is included in the Joint Action Plan which is the appendix of “Istanbul Communique”. There have been organized a number of important international events in order to realize the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign as part of the Plan of Action.

In the 4th Islamic conference of the Ministers of Education (6-8 October, 2008; Baku) it was decided to establish new academic courses in the OIC member states and include the true facts and materials about the Khojaly tragedy in textbooks of schools of higher education. “Justice for Khojaly” campaign is regarded as one of the priority actions of ISESCO in 2009-2012 years¹⁵.

In the conference named “Youth policy against Islamophobia” held in Baku in 2008, The Council of Europe and ISESCO decided to organize several international events in order to support the campaign and consequently, all the decisions were included in the Plan of Action.

According to the decision of the 39th Islamic Conference of the Foreign Ministers (15-17 November, 2012; Djibouti), the article recognizing the Khojaly tragedy as genocide was included in the draft resolution and it was

¹³Justice for Khojaly // <http://justiceforkhojaly.org/site/mainpage.php>

¹⁴11th session of the Islamic Summit Conference // <http://www.oic-oci.org/is11/english/documents.asp>; Thirty Fourth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers // <http://www.oic-oci.org/34icfm/english/documents.htm>; Resolutions of the 35th session of the council of Foreign Ministers // <http://www.oic-oci.org/35cfm/english/documents.html>

¹⁵Materials about Khojaly will be included to the text book of students of OIC countries // http://www.echo-az.com/archive/2008_10/1907/obshestvo03.shtml

confirmed by all member states. The main content of the resolution is: "Cooperating with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States, ICYF tends to promote the program of "The humanitarian catastrophes against Muslim communities in the twentieth century". Aim of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign is to inform the world about the truth of the mass extermination committed against Azerbaijani people by the Armenian Armed Forces in 1992 and challenge the member states to support the recognition of this massacre in international arena"¹⁶. It was an essential resolution toward truly presenting the known tragedy as genocide in international arena. This resolution was approved in 12th Islamic Conference held in Egypt in 2013¹⁷.

As you can see, the practical effect of this policy is more effective than the Islamic Conference Youth Forum.

Activities of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC member states toward recognition of Khojaly genocide.

The draft resolution prepared by the joint efforts of the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan and ICYF, was presented to the Parliamentary Union¹⁸ (OIC PU)¹⁹ and the materials developed by the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan, reflecting Armenia's aggressive policy and atrocities committed against the Azerbaijani people were distributed to the delegations of the member states. Consequently, 2

¹⁶ Resolutions on Cultural and Social Affairs Adopted by the 39-th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development) Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti. 15 – 17 november 2012 (01 – 03 muharram, 1434) // <http://www.oic-oci.org/english/conf/fm/39/CUL-RES-39-CFM-FINAL.pdf>

¹⁷ 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference // http://www.oic-oci.org/external_web/is/12/en/docs/final/is12_fc_rev2_en.pdf

¹⁸ PUIC // <http://www.puic.org/english>

¹⁹ Parliamentary union of the OIC member states was established according to the decision adopted in the extraordinary Islamic Summit held in 1997. The delegation from Azerbaijan headed by M.Alasgarov, the chairman of the National Assembly, took part in the conference. Since the founding conference of OIC PU being held from 15 to 17 June in 1999 in Tehran, the organization took into action. The OIC PU is one of the largest inter-parliamentary union, gathering one fourth of the parliaments of the world together. As the main duties while developing multiple cooperation among legislative and advisory organs of the member states, creating legal base for the implementation of effective collaboration, promoting relations with international governmental and non-governmental organizations, OIC comply with the norms and principles of the international law. OIC PU supports the campaign "Justice for Khojaly". It should be added that in the 13th plenary session of the IC PU (January 2011; Abu-Dhabi), TURK PA (Parliamentary Association) gained the observer status. (The National Assembly of Azerbaijan and Parliamentary union of the OIC member states. International cooperation. <http://www.meclis.gov.az/?/az/content/54>).

articles relating to the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh were included in the final document in the 5th conference of OIC PU (30-31 January, 2008, Cairo)²⁰.

It should be emphasized that since the establishment of the OIC PU, issues about Armenia's aggressive policy have been always included in the agenda of the session. Resolutions adopted in the conferences of the PU strongly condemn "Armenia's aggression directed against sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan, considering it as gross violation of the principles of international law and the UN". The conference votes for "fully, unconditionally and immediate withdrawal of the Armenia's armed forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan" and challenges the member states "to strengthen solidarity with Azerbaijani people, increase cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations of the UN and with the attempts to use the potential of these organizations, try to gain support in recognition the sovereignty, territorial integrity of Azerbaijan as soon as possible" (April 2006, Istanbul; January 2010, Kampala²¹).

There was adopted the resolution (SSCPE/4-2010/DR/RES.26) about "the cooperation between ICYF and OIC PU" in the 6th conference of the OIC PU (30-31 January, 2010, Kampala)²². Some provisions of the resolution fully support the campaign "Justice for Khojaly" and challenge the Parliaments of the member states to support the recognition of this massacre as "a crime against humanity" both in national and international spheres. The resolution was adopted in the conference gathering together the heads of the Parliaments of more than 10 countries, nearly 100 members of parliaments, delegates from several international organizations, as well as the representatives from the Parliamentary Union of Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, of which one of the members is Armenia²³.

²⁰ Cairo Declaration Fifth Session of the Conference of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) Cairo – Arab Republic of Egypt 30-31 January 2008 // http://www.puic.org/english/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=68&Itemid=119; Respublika qəzeti. 02.02.2008. №024 (3159).

²¹ The PUIC Conference Members have met at the following dates and places // http://www.puic.org/english/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=92&Itemid=246 ; Kampala Declaration Adopted by the Sixth Session of the PUIC Conference Kampala – Republic of Uganda 30 – 31 January, 2010 // http://www.puic.org/english/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=779&Itemid=295

²² Final Documents adopted by the Sixth Session of the PUIC Conference // http://www.puic.org/english/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=155&Itemid=295&phpMyAdmin=YyatXOsTD1-TCBNJ3%2CyOGZyfoC8

²³ The OIC PU has adopted the resolution supporting the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign. // <http://www.lent.az/news.php?id=38171>

This resolution by the OIC is another document recognizing the massacre of Khojaly as “a crime against humanity”.

The resolution was again approved in the 13th session of the General Committee of the OIC (January 2011, Abu-Dhabi). According to the 3rd article of the resolution, the parliaments of the member states of OIC PU recognize the mass extermination committed by Armenian armed forces against the peaceful Azerbaijani population in the town of Khojaly, as a crime against humanity. In the document, the member states are challenged to give the appropriate value to the massacre at the national level. The secretary-general of the ICYF, Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov noted that this document will qualitatively open the new stage in recognizing this genocide as part of Armenia’s aggressive policy toward Azerbaijani people at the international sphere and making the criminals to take legal responsibility for the committed genocide²⁴.

In the 8th session of the OIC PU, there was adopted several amendments to the resolution named “Armenia’s aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan”²⁵. In the article added at the initiative of the ICYF it was stated that “since 2012 (twenty-year anniversary of the tragedy), conference challenges the parliaments of the member states to recognize the mass extermination committed against the peaceful Azerbaijani population by the Armenian armed forces on February 26 in 1992 and requires to make the criminals take legal responsibility for perpetration the genocide”²⁶. The conference has assigned an appropriate decision in the final report of the Secretariat, calling the parliaments of the member states to promote the implementation of the resolution, supporting the campaign “Justice for Khojaly” to be recognized at the international sphere. Commenting on the importance of the resolution the ICYF Secretary-General, Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov said that, first time this resolution gives the political and legal assessment to the Khojaly tragedy among other international documents and recognize this massacre as the genocide.

²⁴ Parliamentary Union of the Organization of the Islamic Conference passed of a special resolution international campaign in support "Justice for Khojaly". February 01, 01 2010 // <http://az.apa.az/print.php?id=210548>

²⁵ FINAL DOCUMENTS ADOPTED BY THE 7th SESION OF THE PUIC CONFERENCE PALEMBANG – REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA 24 – 31 JANUARY, 2012 // http://www.puic.org/english/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=181&Itemid=331

²⁶ The Khojaly tragedy was recognized as a “genocide” in the international sphere. http://az.apa.az/xeber_Xocali_faciesi_beynelxalq_seviyyede__249533.html

It should be noted that the National Assembly of Azerbaijan and activities by the representatives of the campaign in the member states have significant influence on decision-making process in the IC PU²⁷.

All these measures taken by the ICYF aimed at informing the world about the real truth of Khojaly tragedy, getting legal, moral and political assessment of the international community and as a result, having the fair treatment about the genocide. According to the modern international law, such attitude is determined by the position of the world powers and international organizations.

The events organized in OIC member states: in the direction of recognition of Khojaly genocide there are carried out definite also in OIC member states. In this respect, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Milli Majlis and The Islamic Conference Youth Forum's activities should be emphasized. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs agencies, parliaments, embassies and diaspora organizations, inform community together for the recognition of the tragedy through a variety of events.

These events are more organized in the Republic of Turkey. Public awareness about the genocide is different in Turkey and all around the world. Thus, as the nearest state in the region Turkey protected Azerbaijan's interests from the first days of Armenia's aggressive policy. Information about severe social and economic tensions caused by the war and unbelievable crimes against civilians are emphasized by the Turkish government and influenced the decisions of OIC organizations²⁸.

Along with this, Grand National Assembly of Turkey also holds discussions in order to give legislative evaluation to the most terrible history of the war. While recognition of Khojaly tragedy as genocide is being discussed in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Parliament approaches to this case because of different cautions. In 2005, members of the Parliament in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey has adopted document condemning the Khojaly genocide²⁹.

In 2012, the events organized with cooperation of Turkish-Azerbaijani Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group, Azerbaijani embassy in Turkey and azerbaijanis living in Turkey according to the organization different from previous ones.

²⁷ The OIC PU has adopted the resolution supporting the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign. // <http://www.lent.az/news.php?id=38171>

²⁸ B.Aziz, p.95.

²⁹ "Dirchalish", February-March, 2005, № 84-85, p. 50-58.

In Kuwait (2009), Turkmenistan (2010), Saudi Arabia (2010), Indonesia (2010, 2011), Morocco (2013), Qatar (2013) events on Khojaly genocide were held in different years.

Every year Islamic Youth Forum organizes different events within "Justice for Khojaly" campaign in OIC non-member states in America and Europe. These events are important or informing community about the genocide.

Conclusion

Researches show that there were made certain work on the recognizing Khojaly tragedy as a "massacre", on appraising its status according international law, but concrete results were not achieved.

Only Pakistan and Bosnia-Hersogovin Parliament among OIC member-states has recognized the tragedy as a "massacre".

The structures of Azerbaijan Republic continue their work on forming justice attitude to Khojaly tragedy by the international organizations and countries. For ratification of the PIUC resolutions by the Parliaments of the OIC member-states the Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan Republic are implementing the policy of Azerbaijan government. The main support to this concern is made by ICYF-DC.

After the ratification of the resolution "Cooperation between ICYF-DC and PIUC" there were created several opportunities to take regular initiatives on "Justice for Khojaly" campaign.

The only aim of implemented ceremonies is to gain the moral and political evaluation for Khojaly genocide bu international world, the formation of justice attitude to the tragedy. Such attitude in the contemporary law is determined with positions of powerful states and international organizations. Cooperation between Azerbaijan government and OIC structures is necessary on getting juridical status of Khojaly tragedy on the international level as a part of Armenian massacre policy against Azerbaijan. Existing facts give opportunity to this cooperation to be fruitful, but we should consider some nuances:

- 1) to call up (recommend) OIC member-states to ratify PIUC Resolution as a part of cooperation between the Parliaments of Azerbaijan Republic and certain countries.

- 2) to continue regular work of Azerbaijan Republic Parliament inter-parliamentary working groups.

3) to recommend OIC member-states to carry out all Khojaly tragedy resolution responsibilities (anniversary day and etc.).

4) to determine ICYF Council members taking part in their countries' Parliaments

5) to get involved those people to activities that are adequate for PIUC resolution and achieve the official cooperation of those countries.

As a result of our research we believe our offers will positively effect on the recognition of Khojaly massacre on the international level and on the punishment of guilty people. It`s our human and civic duty before the souls of Khojaly martyrs.

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