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Factsheet

To the Press Statement of the Switzerland-Armenia Association
Farewell to Neutrality and Human Rights Protection?
of the 25th February 2014

Corresponding links are provided if already exist

Statements of the Swiss authorities on Human Rights issues

- Message by the President of the Swiss Confederation Mr. Didier Burkhalter on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, Monday 27 January 2014
<http://www.news.admin.ch/message/index.html?lang=en&msg-id=51796>
- Switzerland to present a report on anti-discrimination measures to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
<http://www.admin.ch/aktuell/00089/index.html?lang=en&msg-id=52021>

A number of public figures expressed their position in favour of an appeal against the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) of 17th December 2013 *Perincek c. Suisse* (no. 27510/08).

I - Highest Armenian spiritual authorities

- **His Holiness Karekin II**, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians
<http://www.armenianchurch.org/index.jsp?sid=3&nid=2549&y=2014&m=1&d=18>
- **His Holiness Aram I**, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia
<http://www.armenianorthodoxchurch.org/en/archives/6348>

II - International experts on Genocide and Human Rights research

<http://www.armenianweekly.com/2014/02/16/scholars-call-for-reexamination-of-echr-judgment-on-genocide-denial-case/>

Swiss Embassies in the following countries received representatives of their respective Armenian Communities:

Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, France, Greece, Holland, Lebanon, Romania, United States of America, Uruguay

Swiss Embassies in the following countries received letters from their respective Armenian Communities:

Austria, Bulgaria, Koweit, Poland, Sweden

Statements have issued by the following Swiss and international NGO's, orally or in writing, through media or other formal channel(s), encouraging the Swiss Justice Ministry to appeal against the ECHR ruling:

- ABAJA (Association Belge des Avocats et Juristes Arméniens)
- AFAJA (Association Française des Avocats et Juristes Arméniens)
<http://www.afaja.com/IMG/pdf/MEMOIRE.pdf>
- AGA – Arbeitsgruppe Anerkennung e.V. gegen Genozid, für Völkerverständigung (Germany)
- Armenian Bar Association (USA)
<http://www.armenianweekly.com/2014/02/21/aba-letters-to-swiss-ambassadors-in-u-s-and-canada-condemn-echr-verdict/>
- BFCA – Bureau Français de la Cause Arménienne (Paris)
- Collectif VAN - Vigilance Arménienne contre le Négationnisme (France)
- SOS Racisme (France)
- Memorial 98 (France)
- CUD - Collectif Urgence Darfour (France)
- CPCR - Collectif des Parties Civiles pour le Rwanda (France)
- EGAM - European Grassroots Antiracist Movement (France)
- Ibuka France
http://www.huffingtonpost.fr/seta-papazian/negation-genocide-armenien_b_4475619.html
- CCAF (Conseil de Coordination des Associations Arméniennes de France)
<http://www.mesopinions.com/petition/justice/negationnisme-petition-contre-arret-sclerat-cour/11217>
- EAFJD – Euroarmenian Federation for Justice and Democracy (Brussels)
- EKR - Swiss Federal Commission against Racism (Bern)
- FEYKA - Fédération des Associations Kurdes de France
<http://www.collectifvan.org/article.php?r=4&id=78391>
- Human Rights Association in Turkey (İnsan Hakları Derneği - IHD) (Ankara)
<http://www.aga-online.org/news/detail.php?locale=de&newsId=555>
- J'accuse (France)
- LICRA (Ligue Internationale contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme) (France)
- MRAP (Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples) (France)
- Mémoire 2000 (France)
- UEJF (Union des Etudiants Juifs de France)
http://www.armenews.com/article.php3?id_article=97445
- Permanent People's Tribunal (former Russell Tribunal) (Rome)
- PGArm - Switzerland-Armenia Parliamentary Group at the Swiss Parliament
- FSPC - Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches (Bern)
http://www.kirchenbund.ch/sites/default/files/media/pdf/stellungnahmen/brief_s_ommaruga_armeniergenozid.pdf
- SAA - Switzerland-Armenia Association (Bern)
- Society for Threatened Peoples, Central Committee (Göttingen)
<http://www.aga-online.org/news/detail.php?locale=de&newsId=554>
- Society for Threatened Peoples, Swiss Chapter (Bern)
- WCC - World Council of Churches (Geneva)