
Armenia Wants To Inculcate European Values In Armenian Society Again

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YEREVAN, June 18./ARKA/. Armenia carries out serious steps toward inculcating European values in the Armenian society, Speaker of the Armenian parliament Tigran Torosyan said.

The press service of the Armenian parliament reported that at the meeting with the Caucasian-Caspian Commission's (CCC) delegation for facts collection Torosyan pointed out that Armenia has been cut off from European values for about two centuries due to objective historical reasons, and this period definitely had an impact on the public consciousness.

The Armenian Speaker emphasized the fact that Armenia has been a member of the Council of Europe for already six years, and "it is time to speak about Armenia's return to Europe". Torosyan also pointed to the importance of reviewing deep-rooted ideas in the Armenia-Europe relations.

Speaking about ways of assistance from the CCC, Torosyan pointed to the necessity of creating conditions for the Armenian youth to study social sciences at European universities, and emphasized the significance of building a comprehensive insight into regional issues.

Speaker Torosyan also wished success to the CCC on the way of resolving complicated issues, pointed to the importance of their concretization, and expressed readiness for cooperation.

The Caucasian-Caspian Commission's (CCC) delegation for facts collection, led by Scottish Ex-Speaker of parliament George Reed, is now paying a regional visit to Yerevan.

The EU Caucasian-Caspian Commission was created in February 2007 in Brussels. It is aimed at forming a future vision of the region and its European dimension. The commission's primary issues are conflict settlement, democracy, energy security, and regional cooperation. The commission will work in several formats: plenary sessions, working groups, consulting visits to countries of the region, EU and USA, workshops and conferences.
