

Sitting Of The Armenia-Georgia Intergovernmental Commission In Tbilisi

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The Armenian government delegation headed by Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan paid a one-day visit to Georgia to participate in the seventh sitting of the Armenian-Georgian Intergovernmental Commission for Economic Cooperation.

Before the sitting Tigran Sargsyan had a meeting with the Prime Minister of Georgia Grigol Mgaloblishvili. Later the heads of government of the two countries met with the working group of the Intergovernmental Commission and participated in the recurrent sitting of the Commission.

The Prime Ministers of the two countries expressed gratitude to the Intergovernmental Commission for productive work, noting that the friendly relations between Armenia and Georgia are successfully developing. The Prime Minister expressed hope that the 7th sitting of the Commission will serve as an additional impetus for the deepening and expansion of those relations.

Tigran Sargsyan and Grigol Mgaloblishvili were united in their opinion on the necessity of leading an open, transparent and understandable policy, underlining that it should be visible also to the world powers interested in the region. They expressed confidence that the documents signed would give new drive to interstate relations, noting that the governments of the two countries have to work hard to implement the agreements reached. Tigran Sargsyan and Grigol Mgaloblishvili noted that during their meeting they discussed issues of bilateral and regional importance. Reference was made to the issue of the Armenian St. Norashen Church. It was noted that the Armenian and Georgian Churches are linked with centuries-old friendly ties.

The Prime Ministers emphasized the importance of the initiative of the Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church to form a joint commission to discuss issues connected with St. Norashen and other Armenian Churches, where all the problems will be discussed and solved via dialogue.

A number of documents were signed upon the completion of the sitting of the Intergovernmental Commission. It was decided to hold the next sitting in Yerevan in 2009. The time and agenda will be fixed later.

Within the framework of the visit RA Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan met with the President of Georgia, Mikhail Saakashvili, visited the Armenian Embassy in Georgia, the Armenian St. Norashen Church, the pantheon of renowned Armenian writers and public figures of Tbilisi.