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# Turkey Takes Advantage Of The Dialogue

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With the purpose of including the bill condemning the Armenian Genocide into the agenda of the French Senate, a number of French-Armenian youth organizations organized a function, which became the "litmus test" clearly revealing the hidden "springs" of the policy that continues to be pursued by our neighboring country even after A. Gul's visit to Yerevan.

Just a day after the launch of the function, Speaker of the Turkish Parliament KÃ¼ksal Toptan made the following statement in a meeting with JosÃ©line de Rohan, Head of the Foreign Relations, Defense and Armed Forces Committee of the French Parliament, "We ask our French colleagues not to intervene in the Armenian-Turkish relations because any intervention will bring harm to those relations."

It turns out that the French Senate's discussion over the bill condemning the Armenian Genocide at the demand of the Armenian young people is viewed by Turkey as an intervention in the Armenian-Turkish relations, in which no essential progress has been observed so far.

It should be noted that instead of showing any counteraction to this strange statement, JosÃ©line de Rohan assured her Turkish colleague that France had no intention to intervene in the dialogue between Yerevan and Ankara and even made hints that it was necessary for the parties to look to the future.

This leads to the assumption that JosÃ©line de Rohan also considers the passage of a new Armenian Genocide bill as an attempt of returning to the past instead of looking to the future.

This completely justifies the misgivings that Turkey may try to take advantage of the dialogue with Armenia with the purpose of preventing the further process of the international recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

There is, certainly, no need to accuse the Turkish diplomacy of cynical hypocrisy and immorality because such is the essence of that country. The thing is that the obstacle currently faced by the French-Armenian youth organizations can very soon be used in other countries as well, so the Armenian side has to think about elaborating relevant methods and technologies for finding a way out.

The thing is that a legal initiative on the recognition of the Armenian Genocide has been proposed by the Swedish parliamentary opposition as well, and the Turkish diplomats may be expected to pay a visit to that country in the near future and demand non-interference in their dialogue with Armenia.

Appeals for recognizing the Armenian Genocide are also voiced in Ukraine, so it's quite possible that the Turkish parliamentarians or diplomats may organize a voyage to that country too.

It turns out that Turkey's tactics of "shutting the enemy's mouth with hugs" may soon be applied as a universal tool laying obstacles to the process of the international recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

Whereas, Turkey uses almost the same tactics with regard to the Karabakh issue as well. Following the presidential elections in Azerbaijan, Ankara

intends to initiate a new trilateral meeting with the participation of the Armenian, Turkish and Azeri Foreign Ministers within the frameworks of the agenda discussions over the Karabakh issue.

It's noteworthy that Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan and C. Rice have recently conducted a discussion in this connection, and thereafter the US State Secretary announced that the attempts of proceeding with the Karabakh peace process beyond the frameworks of the Minsk Group "are not worthy of any attention". In the estimation of the Azerbaijani media, this means that "Sargsyan has persuaded Rice not to involve Turkey as a mediator in the Karabakh settlement process".

Actually, by providing unilateral assistance to Azerbaijan, i.e. assuring the country that it is not going to open the Armenian-Turkish border before the withdrawal of the Armenian troops from the liberated territories, and pursuing the contrary policy with regard to the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, i.e. giving the country admonitions of not interfering in the "Turkish honeymoon", Turkey is actually conducting a dual policy.

With the help of the former, it continues to use pressure against Armenia, and with the help of the latter it is trying to use against the countries that may, in the near future, discuss bills recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

All this comes to prove that the Turkish diplomacy has prepared for us an entire network of traps and at the same time, it is using different tools of pressure.

We believe our Foreign Ministry has to clearly announce that Turkey's attempts of laying obstacles to the process of the recognition of the Armenian Genocide do not, as a matter of fact, bear any relationship to the first steps undertaken in the sphere of the Armenian-Turkish relations.

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