

Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group

Joint Statement by the Minsk Group Co-Chairs

Paris, February 15, 2007

The Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group for the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement, Ambassadors Y. MERZLYAKOV (Russian Federation), B. FASSIER (France) and Deputy Assistant Secretary M. BRYZA (USA), met in Paris on February 14 and 15, in the presence of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman in Office, Ambassador A. KASPRZYK.

The Co-Chairs expressed hope that the sides will maintain the momentum that had developed in the negotiations in recent months and that the Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan will meet again in the nearest future, to overcome the remaining differences on the basic principles of a future settlement agreement.

They called on the parties to avoid any action anywhere, including in the United Nations General Assembly, that could undermine the positive developments of recent months.