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WARLICK SAYS TO STEP DOWN AS OSCE MG CO-CHAIR

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The US co-chair of the OSCE Minsk Group on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement, James Warlick has tweeted that he will step down as Minsk Group co-chair on December 31. It has been an honor to serve in the US Department of State for more than 30 years, Warlick tweeted Nov. 21.

I will be a partner in Russia's largest and most prestigious law firm, Warlick said in another tweet including a link to the website of the Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners.

The conflict between the two South Caucasus countries began in 1988 when Armenia made territorial claims against Azerbaijan. As a result of the ensuing war, in 1992 Armenian armed forces occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding districts. The 1994 ceasefire agreement was followed by peace negotiations.

Armenia has not yet implemented four UN Security Council resolutions on withdrawal of its armed forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding districts.

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