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**BRINK: NO MILITARY SOLUTION TO KARABAKH CONFLICT**

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There is no military solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, US Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Bridget Brink told reporters in Baku Nov. 22.

The US remains committed to working with the sides [of the conflict] to mediate a comprehensive settlement, she said.

We appreciate Ambassador James Warlicks service as OSCE Minsk Group US co-chair, she added commenting on Warlicks resignation.

Brink said she has no information on who will become the next OSCE MG US co-chair.

I dont have a name to announce at this moment, she said.

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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