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## **PASHINIAN AGAIN CRITICIZES ARMENIA'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

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*Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian has reiterated his criticism of a 1990 declaration of Armenias independence resented by Azerbaijan as he defended his plans to try to enact a new Armenian constitution.*

The declaration made reference to a 1989 unification act adopted by the legislative bodies of Soviet Armenia and the then Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast. It also called for international recognition of the 1915 genocide of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey and Western Armenia. The declaration is cited in a preamble to the current Armenian constitution adopted in 1995.

In an interview with Armenian Public Radio broadcast on Thursday, Pashinian gave more indications that he wants to exclude this reference from the new constitution.

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