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## EU MONITORS IN ARMENIA GRANTED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

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The Armenian Parliament approved a measure on Wednesday granting diplomatic immunity to the members of the European Monitoring Mission in Armenia — a privilege not provided to Russian border guards or troops in Armenia.

The legislation adopted Wednesday not only gives the EU monitors immunity from prosecution but also guarantees their freedom of movement inside the country, exempts them and their equipment from Armenian customs checks, and bans law-enforcement authorities from searching their offices and vehicles. In addition, it commits Yerevan to guaranteeing their personal security and ensuring, if necessary, their free evacuation from the country.

Speaking to lawmakers of Tuesday, Armenias Deputy Foreign Minister Mnatsakan Safarian emphasized the need for such legislation, saying the the mission was critical for peace and stability in the region.

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