
YEREVAN DISMISSES RUSSIA'S OFFER OF MEDIATION UNDER REGIONAL PLATFORM

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Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan on Wednesday said that a consultative regional platform cannot serve as an arena for mediating negotiations between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Mirzoyan was responding to a proposal laid out by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov after the top diplomats of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Iran and Turkey held another round of talks in Istanbul on Friday under the so-called 3+3 Regional Platform.

The creation of such a platform was put forth by Moscow and Ankara, as a means to create an enlarged regional platform that would expand economic cooperation between the aforementioned countries and Georgia. Official Tbilisi has rejected the plan and did not participate in the meeting on Friday.

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