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## ARMENIAN MINISTER COY ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM

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*Justice Minister Srбуhi Galian declined to clarify on Wednesday how the Armenian government will try to enact a new constitution demanded by Azerbaijan in the absence of a two-thirds majority in Armenias newly elected parliament.*

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian has repeatedly called for the kind of constitutional change that Azerbaijan has set as a necessary condition for ending the conflict with Armenia. Baku specifically objects to a preamble to the current constitution referring to a 1990 Armenian declaration of independence, which in turn cites a 1989 unification act adopted by the legislative bodies of Soviet Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

It has made clear that it will not sign an Armenian-Azerbaijani peace treaty, initialed last August, unless Yerevan removes the reference. The only legal way to do that is to adopt a new constitution through a referendum.

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