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**AVİM'S REPORT TITLED 'THE RELATIVITY OF SELF-DETERMINATION CONCEPTIONS REGARDING THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT' HAS BEEN PUBLISHED**

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The diverging claims of Azerbaijan and Armenia regarding the core issues of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict shape the different dimensions and the claims of the parties. Armenian side seeks the solution to the conflict in the framework of the principle of self-determination with the comfort of having ethnically cleansed the territory, whereas Azerbaijan refers to the principle of territorial integrity. As these two principles are within the basic principles of the international law, conflicting claims of Azerbaijan and Armenia lead to conceptual confusion and disagreements regarding the legal dimension of the conflict.

This report is penned by Dr. Deniz Akçay, an esteemed jurist, one of the two Turkish Governments co-agents to the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. The report was first published in the 65th issue of *Ermeni Araştırmaları* journal in Turkish and in the 41st issue of *Review of Armenian Studies* journal in English. It evaluates to what extent the self-determination thesis is applicable to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict by analyzing the international agreements, court decisions, advisory opinions and resolutions of the United Nations. We believe that this study is enlightening regarding the essence of the conflict.

To provide the reader with a general outline of the historical roots of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as well as the developments within the scope this conflict including the peace process, an introductory part titled A Short History of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict penned by AVİMs Senior Analyst Dr. Turgut Kerem Tuncel is added to the report.

You can download the report from [here](#).