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**STATEMENT  
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION, MEP Sajjad KARIM**

**on the event “2018: A Landmark for the South Caucasus”  
scheduled on the premises of the European Parliament on 28 November 2018**

**Brussels, 27 November 2018** - “Tomorrow evening, on the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels, a high-level networking event on the theme “*2018: A Landmark for the South Caucasus*” will take place.

This year has seen many positive developments in our relations with the three South Caucasus countries. Negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement with Azerbaijan are progressing well. Members of the European Parliament gave their consent to the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement signed with Armenia on the side-lines of the November 2017 Brussels Eastern Partnership Summit. The provisional application went as planned, despite the change of government brought about by the “velvet revolution”; subsequently, an EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee with extended powers has been created and held its inaugural meeting. As far as Georgia is concerned, the Members of the European Parliament voted overwhelmingly in favour of an important resolution on the Georgian occupied territories ten years after the Russian invasion and then of a far-reaching report on the implementation of the Association Agreement.

For all these reasons, while the current legislative term is nearing its end, it seemed necessary to hold this high-level event bringing together the Ambassadors of the Eastern Partnership countries to the EU and the Members of the relevant European Parliament's Delegations and Committees, to discuss the achievements made so far and the challenges to come.”

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