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**IAGS Urges Armenian Government to Reinstate Dr. Edita Gzoyan as
Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute**

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The International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) Executive Board expresses its deep concern regarding the removal of Dr. Edita Gzoyan from her position as Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute (AGMI) in Yerevan. According to [public reports](#), Dr. Gzoyan submitted her resignation after being instructed directly by the Prime Minister of Armenia, following her conduct during the official visit of U.S. Vice President JD Vance to the Tsitsernakaberd Memorial on February 10, 2026, which included presenting the Vice President a book on Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) and referring to anti-Armenian pogroms in Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku.

Dr. Gzoyan, a long-standing member of IAGS and a respected scholar in the field, has been widely recognized for strengthening AGMI's academic standing, expanding archival collections, organizing international conferences, and contributing to major scholarly works on the Armenian Genocide and related crimes.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan [publicly confirmed](#) that he personally requested Dr. Gzoyan's resignation, describing her actions during the visit as acts contradicting Armenia's foreign policy.

The IAGS defends academic freedom and the independence of genocide research, as reflected in previous resolutions and Executive Board statements concerning Armenian historical memory and threats to scholarly independence. These include the IAGS the [Resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide](#) on 13 June 1997, [Open Letter Concerning Historians Who Deny the Armenian Genocide](#) of 1 October 2006, a [Statement on Azerbaijani Aggression Against the Republic of Armenia and the Indigenous Armenians of the South Caucasus](#) of 24 October 2022 and [Statement Condemning the Azerbaijani Blockade of the Artsakh \(Nagorno-Karabakh\)](#) of 1 February 2023.

Today, the IAGS:

- Expresses its unequivocal support for Dr. Edita Gzoyan, acknowledging her outstanding leadership and longstanding contributions to genocide scholarship.
- Calls upon the Government of Armenia to immediately reinstate Dr. Gzoyan as Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute.
- Reiterates that institutions dedicated to genocide memory and research must remain free from political interference, ensuring the integrity of historical truth and scholarly inquiry.

The International Association of Genocide Scholars is a global, interdisciplinary, non-partisan organization that seeks to further research and teaching about the nature, causes, and consequences of genocide, and advance policy studies on genocide prevention.