

## Armenia Deputy FM: Azerbaijan should first of all recognize Karabakh independence

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YEREVAN. - At the request of Armenian News – NEWS.am, Armenian Deputy FM Shavarsh Kocharyan has commented on the statement of the Azerbaijani FM regarding the step-by-step solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh issue.

“The Armenian sides are not against the step-by-step solution, within the framework of which Azerbaijan should first of all recognize the independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (NKR), return the occupied territories of Nagorno-Karabakh and start negotiations with the NKR on the clarification of borders,” Kocharyan stressed.