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Armenian MP Naira Zohrabyan delivered a speech at the Bureau debate in the beginning of the spring session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). Naira Zohrabyan declared that by voting for the resolution of the Sarsang Reservoir in the January session PACE gave Azerbaijan a carte blanche to start large-scale military operations. To remind, Nagorno Karabakh issue is included in the spring session of the PACE launched on April 18 in Strasbourg to last until April 22.

The MP from the Prosperous Armenia party stressed then that President of the PACE Pedro Agramunt should be called for responsibility for the statement of support to the criminal regime of Aliyev, reports press service of the Prosperous Armenia party. In her speech Naira Zohrabyan reflected on the aggressive offensive by Azerbaijan launched on the night of April 1-2 with the use of heavy armament not only against the combat positions of the Defense Army but also the civilian settlements.

“Azerbaijani army tortured and beheaded hostages and combatants in the eyes of the international community.” Zohrabyan recalled also the Azeri atrocities Talish village committed against the civilian elderly people.

“While Aliyev mercenaries were committing war crimes, President of the PACE Pedro Agramunt was supporting terrorist Azerbaijan with his notorious statement. While Azerbaijani armed forces were shelling civilian settlements, the President of our Assembly who is obliged by its definition to maintain neutrality and impartiality was encouraging the war criminals through his messages,” Zohrabyan said. As Naira Zohrabyan stated, current PACE President,

Pedro Agramunt is the official representative of Azerbaijan in the Assembly. Visiting Azerbaijan, first thing after being elected, Agramunt showed where his loyalties lie. Furthermore, in his statements on the large-scale offensive against Karabakh, Agramunt clearly encouraged Aliyev's murderous regime. "The Council of Europe is an organization of 47 states, obliged to represent and protect the rights of 800 million Europeans. The president of such an organization must be an unbiased and objective person, not someone publicly defending dictatorship by encouraging criminal Azerbaijan. It's an unprecedented situation, when the President of the Assembly is the press secretary of the President of Azerbaijan," she said. According to her, those who voted for the so-called humanitarian issue of the Sarsang water reservoir should have already acknowledged that Azerbaijan didn't want to solve any humanitarian problem, but to recapture the reservoir. "That's why they needed your support in international institutions and in PACE to commit a war crime under the cover of a humanitarian intention. By looking at the movement of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces during the war, you will understand that through your vote you gave Azerbaijan that 'carte blanche'," Zohrabyan said.