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## AZERBAIJAN PAUSES 'ZANGEZUR CORRIDOR' DISCUSSIONS AHEAD OF COP29

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Ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku this November, Azerbaijan made a surprising move by placing the contentious Zangezur corridor issue on pause in its ongoing negotiations with Armenia.

Elchin Amirbekov, a special envoy for Azerbaijan, announced this on August 7 after his visit to the U.S. The regional communication duties article had been removed from the peace treaty draft, Amirbekov stated, reflecting a strategic shift in regional geopolitics. We do not want to complicate the process of concluding a peace agreement.

Amirbekov continued that Azerbaijans primary goal is to address the core issue of Armenias supposed illegal territorial claims, which it views as central to the conflict. Azerbaijan is committed to meeting the expectations of the international community and resolving once and for all the issue of Armenias territorial claims. We hope to overcome the remaining obstacles promptly to secure a lasting and irreversible peace, Amirbekov added.

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