

ADDENDUM 8
U.N. REPORT ON ARMENIAN CASE



THE UN'S POSITION ON THE ARMENIAN CASE

The UN Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities did not “accept” the 1985 Whitaker Report that attempted to define the Armenian case as genocide in a footnote. Instead, the Sub-Commission considered whether even to “receive” the report and decided not to. In the end, it decided to “take note” of the study, which was a polite rejection.

On October 5, 2000, when the Armenian American lobby attempted to mislead the United States Congress to believing that the UN had accepted the Armenian case as genocide, UN Spokesperson Farhan Haq, unequivocally corrected the record, “The United Nations has not approved or endorsed a report labeling the Armenian experience as genocide.”

On April 9, 2007, when the Armenian American lobby again attempted to mislead the United States Congress, UN Spokesman Farhan Haq again set the record straight, “As for Armenia, the UN hasn’t expressed any position on incidents that took place long before the United Nations was established.”

On April 13, 2015, when the Armenian lobby now thrice attempted to mislead the United States Congress, UN Spokesman Stephane Dujarric this time expressed the Secretary General’s firm belief continued establishment of facts is needed for a collective determination of the facts.

The history of the 1985 Whitaker Report, to which the Armenian American lobby misleadingly refers, is instructive. The same UN Sub-Commission had proposed a similar report in 1978 that included a reference to the Armenian case as “genocide”. This reference caused sufficient discord among the members of the Sub-Commission that the report was not presented until the reference was removed. (CN.4/Sub.2/SR.222 September 15, 1978).

Under pressure from the Armenian lobby, some members of the Sub-Commission who sought to broaden the definition of genocide, sought out a rapporteur who would willingly advance the Armenian position through yet another report. In 1983 they chose Benjamin Whitaker, Director of the “Minority Rights Group”. Whitaker was the author of a booklet for the Armenian lobby, “The Armenians,” in which he argued the Armenian version of events. In the August 22, 1985, edition of “The Armenian Reporter”, it was approvingly admitted that Mr. Whitaker, “clearly sided with the Armenians” prior to writing the report. Hence, the infamous Whitaker Report.