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"Today a new wave of immigrants, from the war-torn areas of the Middle East, are being resettled in Armenia. Again the country is faced with difficulties in ministering to the needs of the newcomers."

"At the same time, an exodus from Armenia, because of ongoing economic and political problems, is taking place. Thousands have been leaving, and unless there are changes and some resolution to those issues, the future of our independent Armenia will remain in jeopardy."