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## ROLE OF RECIPROCITY IN AZERBAIJAN-ARMENIA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

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*In the context of the ongoing peace negotiations between Azerbaijan and Armenia, the principle of reciprocity could help to bring about a peace agreement*

Reciprocity plays a fundamental role in shaping international relationships, especially in the context of international law. In international relations, reciprocity is the principle by which a state grants benefits and rights to another state only if the other state grants it the same treatment. The interpretation is that a state may refuse a particular treatment of another if the latter refuses to take a similar stance. International law, in this sense, exists because there is no overarching legal authority with compulsory jurisdiction to enforce agreements.

States based their decisions on reciprocity when entering into agreements and treaties, including the exchange of favors and fair treatment, uniform conduct, and fulfillment of international obligations.

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