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Support continued parity in U.S.  
military aid to Armenia and Azerbaijan.

## Armenian National Committee of America

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To: Foreign affairs aide  
From: Abraham Niziblian, Government Affairs Director  
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**Re: Armenia Joins the Coalition of the Willing**

Armenia has joined the "Coalition of the Willing," agreeing to provide doctors, medical personnel, mine-clearers, and a truck unit to aid U.S.-led operations in Iraq.

### Armenia to Help in Iraq Reconstruction

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WASHINGTON, June 18 (UPI) — Armenia is the latest country to join President Bush's "Coalition of the Willing," in rebuilding Iraq.

In an interview with UPI earlier this week, Armenian Foreign Minister Vardan Oskanian said his country would contribute, albeit in "a very symbolic" way.

"We are ready to become engaged in rebuilding Iraq, but our resources are very modest, so it's going to be a very modest contribution, nevertheless, the willingness is there."

Armenia, Oskanian said, will be contributing doctors, medical personnel and experts to help clear mines, as well as trucks, drivers and technicians. The force amounts to about 100 people.

The minister said he believes all neighboring countries in the region should contribute to the normalization of Iraq. Iraq's Armenian community is comprised of roughly 25,000 people.

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