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... UNEP AND OSCE STAFF MEMBERS ON MISSION TO ASSESS WILDLAND FIRES IN THE 'FROZEN CONFLICT ZONE' OF NAGORNO-KARABAKH IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS...

The Southern Caucasus, composed of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, has long been a focal point for change and a bridge between Asia and Europe. The region is in transition and has seen multiple inter-state and ethnic conflicts in its recent past, some of them escalating to full-scale warfare. The frequent lack of regional cooperation threatens to exacerbate environmental issues, themselves a source of potential conflict in the region.

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NAGORNO-KARABAKH

...THE JOINT ATTEMPTS TO GAIN CONTROL OF WILD FIRES RAGING IN THE DISPUTED TERRITORY HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS 'A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT'...

The interaction of environmental degradation and competition over natural resources, carries real risks of political tension and even conflict. At the same time, the need for improved environmental management can act as a bridge for cooperation. Joint assessments and information exchange can identify shared interests and catalyze agreements across borders.

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...THE SOUTHERN CAUCASUS IS ONE OF THE REGIONS WHERE ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY (ENVSEC) PARTNERS WORK TO ASSESS ISSUES SUCH AS ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES...

UNEP and its partners support governments by analyzing environment and security risks and implementing projects designed to address them. In the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) UNEP has joined forces with UNDP, UNECE, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe.



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