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WASHINGTON-RESPONSE. US President Joe Biden intends to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide, as he promised during the election campaign, causing another source of tension in his government's relations with Turkey. Responding to a question from KK about a letter from 37 senators asking the president to acknowledge the genocide, a White House spokesman said: "This government is committed to promoting human rights and ensuring that such atrocities are not repeated. . A crucial part of this is the recognition of history. "

In a cross-party letter led by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Menendez, Democratic and Republican leaders cite previous congressional resolutions recognizing the genocide. In December 2019, the Senate passed a unanimous resolution of Senator Menendez confirming the historical events of the Armenian Genocide, following a near-unanimous resolution by the House of Representatives.

The letter points out that "the administrations of both parties have remained silent about the truth of the Armenian genocide. "We call on you to break this pattern of complicity by officially acknowledging that the Armenian genocide was genocide." At the same time, he cites the Biden administration's commitment to basing US diplomacy on values and human rights. During his campaign, President Biden promised to pass a resolution recognizing the Armenian genocide - but, as senators claim in their letter, it already exists: "Congress has already made its position clear. It's time for the executive branch to do the same. "

Respecting human rights and his campaign promise, the White House said in its response to "K": "As a presidential candidate, President Biden mentioned the 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children who lost their lives during the the last years of the Ottoman Empire. He said we should never forget or remain silent about this horrific campaign. And we will always respect the resilience of the Armenian people in the face of such a great tragedy. This government is committed to promoting human rights and ensuring that such atrocities are not repeated. A crucial part of this is the recognition of history. "

Among the 37 senators co-signing the letter are powerful Republican nominees such as Marco Rubio, Mitt Romney, Ted Cruz and Susan Collins, while among Democrats who have backed it are Bernie Sanders and Amy Klombs. Other Republican lawmakers are missing from the list, however, indicating that developments over the past six months have undermined consensus even on foreign policy issues.

For his part, Senator Menendez noted a few days ago, when approving the candidacy of Deputy Foreign Minister Wendy Sherman, that he hoped that President Biden would honor his election promise to recognize the Armenian genocide. Mr

Menendez has spearheaded foreign policy initiatives that reflect human rights and stigmatize crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and genocide. And as he has pointed out to the young heads of American diplomacy, "the values you invoke call on us to recognize the truth and do what we can to prevent future genocides and other crimes against humanity."

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