Hi Susanna,

My name is Peace Advocate. I'm 20 years old. Thank you for expressing your thoughts in such a beautiful way, and for being a supporter of a peaceful resolution of the conflict. I agree with your thoughts.

Just like your parents, my parents too explained the situation of the past to me. They told me about the friendly relations between the two countries. My mother had Armenian friends as a kid – so did my grandparents – and this proves that the two nations were in good relations, and didn't want war.

However, the situation led to tragic events that deeply affected the relations between the two nations. Two nations that were once in good relations are now hostile.

No one wants war; neither do I. I had relatives too who fell victim or were wounded during the war, and it deeply affected me. April events proved that war is an absolutely bad solution. A great number of people fell victim, and their families were left in a bad situation.

I'd love to put an end to the occupation regime of the territories occupied by the local Armenian forces, so people are able to live in equality again and I'm able to visit those places.

My grandfather was born in Lachin, and he often tells me about the beauty of that place. This motivates me to go and see those places. I'd love my parents to be able to visit the graves of their relatives and see their homeland. This is the dream of every Azerbaijani like me.

No matter what today is like, our tomorrow should be peaceful. We – the younger generation – shouldn't become victims of past events. I'd love to help my nation and country, but my debt of honor towards them shouldn't be paid with war. The future depends on young people like us. If we focus our strength on peace, education and development instead of war, we'll be more useful citizens. We must do our best to resolve this issue peacefully.

Best regards,

Peace Advocate