

**PRELIMINARY SCALE of SEISMIC INTENSITY BASED ON the ANALYSIS of
DAMAGES of the ARMENIAN CHURCHES**

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Attempt of drawing up special macro-seismic scale for an estimation of intensity of historical strong earthquakes in territory of Armenia is made for the first time. The existing rich written items of information on earthquakes almost for last 2000, were interpreted in different ways, since in existing macro-seismic scales there is no description of the Armenian churches, which occupy a prevailing place in the historical descriptions the items of information. The new preliminary scale is made on the basis of the analysis of damages of churches of a zone 7-10 mark intensities of Spitak earthquake of 1988.