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Statement

On the exercise held in Nakhijevan Autonomous Republic

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Mr Chairman,

We would like to invite the attention of the FSC to the large scale military exercise of the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan held on April 16-17, 2014, in Nakhijevan Autonomous Republic. The Press service of the Ministry of Defense of Azerbaijan confirmed that 20.000 troops of the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan took part in the exercise.

Recalling paragraph 40.1.1 Chapter V of the Vienna Document 11 (V. Prior Notification of Certain Military Activities (CMA)), the military activity will be subject to notification at least 42 days advance notice for CMA exceeding one of the following thresholds: 9,000 troops, 250 tanks, 500 ACVs, or 250 pieces of artillery.

In this regard, we would like to express our concern, that the exercise was not properly notified despite the fact, that it falls under the category of notifiable military activities.

We request Azerbaijani delegation to provide clarifications about the exercise.

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