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**DECISION No. 1/25
CLOSURE OF THE OSCE MINSK PROCESS,
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT
WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE AND THE
HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP**

The Ministerial Council,

Taking note of the joint letter of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan contained in documents SEC.DEL/315/25 and SEC.DEL/316/25,

Acknowledging that the OSCE Minsk Process, the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group are no longer relevant in view of cardinal changes in the situation that once called for their establishment,

1. Declares the conclusions of the First Additional Meeting of the CSCE Council held in Helsinki on 24 March 1992 on the establishment of a Conference under the auspices of the CSCE (OSCE) which was supposed to take place in Minsk and all provisions reflected in subsequent OSCE decisions and documents deriving from this decision as invalid and not applicable;
2. Decides to close the OSCE Minsk Process, the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group;
3. Approves the financial resources contained in the document CIO.GAL/102/25 reflecting the financial implications of the closure of the mentioned structures;
4. Tasks the OSCE Secretariat to implement the activities contained in document CIO.GAL/102/25, and report the completion of all the required procedures to the Permanent Council.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Armenia:

“In connection with the adoption of the Ministerial Council decision on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group, the delegation of Armenia would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Armenia, together with Azerbaijan, initiated the adoption of this decision based on the Joint Appeal by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan to the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office signed in Washington, D.C. on 8 August 2025.

On the same day, the foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan initialled the agreed upon text of the Agreement on Establishment of Peace and Inter-State Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The initialization was witnessed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the President of the United States of America, who also signed the Joint Declaration.

The Joint Declaration acknowledged the ‘need to chart a course for a bright future not bound by the conflict of the past, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and the 1991 Almaty Declaration.’ It affirmed that the conditions have been created ‘to finally embark on building good neighbourly relations on the basis of the inviolability of international borders and the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory after the conflict that brought immense human suffering.’ It further stated that this ‘reality, which is not and should never be subject to revision, paves the way for closing the chapter of enmity between our two nations.’

In this environment the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Azerbaijan jointly appealed to close the Minsk Process structures of the OSCE, since they ‘are no longer relevant in view of cardinal changes in the situation that called for their establishment.’ The Ministers also confirmed their ‘shared commitment to the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act to continue the normalization process at the bilateral level.’

In the context of this historic momentum the Republic of Armenia looks forward to the timely signing and ratification of the Peace Agreement.

Thank you.”