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ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

Statement

**in response to the statements of the Secretary General of Cooperation Council of
Turkic speaking states and the Secretary General of the PA of Turkic speaking
countries**

**delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 978th Meeting of the OSCE
Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

We took note of the statements of Ambassador Akinci and Mr. Asanov.

During the last three years after the Ministerial meetings my delegation has been observing practices of inviting guest speakers to the Permanent Council based not on the merits of their possible contribution to the work of our organization but as a result of non transparent deals.

Today we are having exactly this case when the views on security and cooperation in Europe by the invited entities have no added value for this organization and stand in blatant contradiction with the concept of comprehensive, cooperative and indivisible security of the OSCE.

On numerous occasions my delegation made strong reservation on deplorable practice of openly siding with those parties to the conflict which are perceived to have similar origin. The Gabala Declaration adopted by the leaders of the member countries of above entities in August of this year did not become an exception and brought even stronger language of kinship solidarity against two OSCE participating states.

Armenia's position of rejecting kinship security is not exclusively formed by historic past when the genocide of an entire nation was justified by inhuman ideology but it is also shaped by today's realities including twenty years joint land blockade imposed on Armenia by two members of these entities on the grounds of kinship solidarity.

We are strongly disappointed by the appearance of these two entities as guests in Kyiv Ministerial Council despite the fact that they were not included in the list of invitees of the relevant decision of the Permanent Council. We would like to seek clarification of the Ukrainian Chairmanship with regard this violation of the OSCE Rules of Procedure. The Armenian Delegation regrets that the Ukrainian Chairmanship departs from already established practices, particularly those of two previous Chairmanships and thus let these two entities openly disregard OSCE regulations.

Here I would like to refer to the distribution of materials and documents by these two entities at the Ministerial Council. It should be mentioned that only after the protests of the delegation of Armenia the distribution of documents was stopped. In case of future discussions on the possible participation of the above mentioned entities in the Ministerial Council Meetings the Delegation of Armenia will take into account their misconduct and defiance of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

We would like also to invite the attention of consecutive OSCE Chairmanships to these facts and underline that the Delegation of Armenia will closely follow the case with the aim to prevent its recurrence and will not tolerate any further misinterpretation and violation of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Thank You.