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Statement

**On the recent attacks on the vulnerable group of the Armenian Community in
Istanbul
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank the Turkish delegation for the provided information. We will follow very closely the developments linked to this criminal case by paying particular attention to the assessment of the Armenian Community of Istanbul according to which the current suspect is not a member of the Armenian minority. The perpetrators together with their motives should be impartially identified and brought to justice.

At this point, we would like to encourage the Turkish delegation to provide information on the other criminal cases raised by my delegation in the Permanent Council particularly with regard to the investigation of Hrand Dink assassination and the killing of Sevag Balikchi, a Turkish conscript of Armenian origin who was shot dead on April 24, 2011.

Thank you.