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VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

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On the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh

Mr. Chairperson,

We support the statement by the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group of 25 October read out by the distinguished Permanent Representative of the United States of America. We urge the parties to make the most of the negotiations organized in Geneva today. Declarations of willingness to work together to identify the necessary steps for a settlement in Nagorno-Karabakh should be backed by de-escalation in the conflict zone.

We expect the parties to comply unconditionally with the provisions of the Moscow statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia of 10 October: a complete humanitarian ceasefire, a swift agreement on the parameters of the “silence” regime and its verification, and the resumption of substantive negotiations on the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue through the mediation of the three Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group and in an unchanged negotiating format.

Ensuring a sustainable truce is a prerequisite for continuing peace negotiations. We find it unacceptable that the agreements reached with the participation of the Heads of State of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries have broken down. We demand that the parties take responsibility for their voluntary commitments.

We are determined to continue working for the stabilization of the situation in the region and for the speedy final settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. We reaffirm the continued validity of the statement by the Presidents of the Russian Federation, the French Republic and the United States of America of 1 October and the statement by the Foreign Ministers of the three countries of 5 October.

Thank you for your attention.