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DECISION No. 1510 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A 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 Permanent Council,

- 1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council 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 (MC.DD/2/25 of 20 August 2025);
- 2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Monday, 1 September 2025, at noon CET.

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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 Permanent Council decision on the recommendation to adopt a 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 9 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 Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia.

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."