



Hügelgasse 2, A-1130 Vienna Tel: +43 (1) 403 13 22 Fax: +43 (1) 403 13 23 E-mail: vienna@mission.mfa.gov.az

PC.DEL/318/10
29 April 2010

Statement
at the 807th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
29 April 2010

ENGLISH only

Agenda item: Any other business
Baku Summit of Religious Leaders

Mr. Chairman,

On April 26-27 Baku hosted two-day Summit of the world's religious leaders. More than 200 high ranking representatives of traditional religions from 33 states took part at this event.

Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and all Russia, Patriarch Christophor of Czech republic and Slovakia, Catholicos of all Armenians Karekin II, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue Cardinal Jean Louis Tauran, Head of Iranian Interfaith Approach Committee Ayatollah Mohammad Al Taskhiri, Turkish Minister for Religious Affairs Ali Bardakoglu, Representative of the Conference of European Rabbis Pinchas Goldschmidt, ISESCO Secretary General Abdulaziz bin Osman Al-Tuveyjri, and OIC representative Ambassador Sadaddin Tahsib were amongst the participants of the high-level event.

The two-day Summit featured discussions on a wide range of issues, including giving impetus to interfaith dialogue, establishing global peace, elimination of threats, such as terrorism and extremism, as well as the world economic crisis.

Baku Declaration was adopted as a final document of the Summit of Religious Leaders. The Declaration underlined starvation, social inequality, environmental pollution, armed conflict on the national-religious ground, drug addiction and drug trafficking, terrorism, problem of aggression as remaining challenges for security of states, nations and persons and called for their solution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.