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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the situation in Armenia

Mr. Chairperson,

We are following closely the internal political developments taking place in Armenia, our friend. We consider these recent events the purely internal affair of the fraternal Armenian people.

We note the current Armenian leadership's desire to seek solutions to the differences through broad-based dialogue combined with the greatest effort to strengthen Armenian society's harmony and unity. It is important that all political forces involved take a similarly responsible approach and avoid demands in ultimatum form.

We wish our friends, the people of Armenia, swift stabilization of the situation in the interests of the country's prosperity. We take the view that the remaining internal political differences in Armenia will be settled exclusively within the framework of the Constitution and the law.

Thank you for your attention.