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DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

Statement

**In Response to the Address by the Secretary General of the Turkic Council and
the Secretary General of the TurkPA
delivered by the Permanent Delegation of Armenia at the 1063rd Meeting of the
OSCE Permanent Council**

July 23, 2015

Mr. Chairperson,

We consider appearance of *Messrs.* Hasanov and Asanov irrelevant to the work of the Permanent Council.

Once again we reiterate our position in regard to appearance of the Turkic Council and its parliamentary body at OSCE Permanent Council meetings. We continue to firmly believe that Chairmanships should not invite the mentioned entities, which have no added value for our Organization, but rather contradict with the OSCE values and principles and the concept of comprehensive, cooperative and indivisible security of the OSCE.

The Delegation of Armenia has consistently raised its voice against the deplorable practice of kinship solidarity on the security issues, including protracted conflicts. The Bodrum Declaration of the Turkic Council, adopted on June 5, 2014, like previous declarations, is very illustrative in this regard. It distorts the nature and essence of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and runs contrary to the position of the international community, including the OSCE.

Here in this hall in April we witnessed demonstration of kinship solidarity between two OSCE participating States even in genocide denial. Armenia's resolute stance against kinship security is shaped not only by its past, but also today's realities, including joint land blockade imposed on my country by two member states of these entities, which has lasted for more than two decades.

Finally, we would like to reiterate our strong reservation against participation of the mentioned entities in any of the OSCE events, including the OSCE Ministerial Council meetings, which may negatively affect the credibility of our Organization.

Thank You.