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## **Statement**

## In Response to the Azerbaijani Delegation delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1053rd Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council

May 21, 2015

Mr. Chairman,

We took note of the statement of the Azerbaijani delegation. It is remarkable that Azerbaijan attaches importance to foreign visits of the representatives of authorities of Nagorno-Karabakh and even advertises these visits in the OSCE.

The leadership of Nagorno-Karabakh pays visits to many OSCE participating States. If Azerbaijani delegation visits the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of NKR, it will find full information about international contacts of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Therefore, we do not see any relevance for this current issue. If we proceed through the line of arguments of Azerbaijani delegation then every Thursday we should discuss international agenda of the authorities of Nagorno-Karabakh. If Azerbaijani delegation raises this issue in anticipation of having direct contacts with the authorities of Nagorno-Karabakh somewhere in the third country then perhaps there is a sense to these discussions.

Finally, we would like to draw the attention of the Azerbaijani ambassador to our previous statement, in which we referred to the meeting of the president Heydar Aliyev, who is considered as national leader of Azerbaijan with the leader of NKR.

We invite the current leaders of Azerbaijan to follow this good example, if they are interested in peaceful settlement of the conflict.

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Thank You.

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