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Statement
In Response to the Report by Ms. Dunja Mijatović the OSCE
Representative on Freedom of the Media
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 907th Meeting of the
OSCE Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to welcome Ms. Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media to the Permanent Council and thank her for her substantive report. Armenia has been closely cooperating with this mandate actively seeking expertise to further promote free media. We took note of the fact that the report did not identify any new emerging issue with regard to free media in Armenia and instead covers close interaction of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media with the Armenian Government. This certainly reflects the current situation.

Armenia supports close attention of the OSCE representative to the safety of journalists and appreciates her consistent efforts to ensure that journalists are not deprived of life, freedom and dignity for performing their professional duties in the OSCE region. The ending impunity with regard to those who perpetrated crimes against journalists is indispensable for preventing new crimes and overcoming imposed climate of fear. Armenia brought some particular situations to the attention of the Permanent Council and most recently the case of the verdict on the assassination of Mr. Hrant Dink, Turkish-Armenian journalist. We are glad to note that Representative and other participating states continue to follow this important case. We would like to reiterate our position on this case which has been recently communicated here.

Armenia favors regional cooperation among journalists and can agree with every constructive proposal put forward. With this understanding, Armenia is willing to host 10th South Caucasus media conference.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to wish every success to Ms Dunja Mijatović and express our readiness to continue close cooperation with her mandate.

Thank you