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**STATEMENT**  
**in response to the report by the Co-ordinator of**  
**OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**  
**as delivered by Ambassador Armen Papikyan**  
**at the 1398<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council**

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Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Armenia warmly welcomes Ambassador Igli Hasani and thanks him for the comprehensive report on the activities of his office.

Ambassador Hasani,

Although the Economic and Environmental Dimension has been recognised as an important pillar of the OSCE's concept of comprehensive and indivisible security, today, when existential threats and hard security challenges dominate all other issues, the space for economic cooperation is gradually shrinking. It is obvious that without addressing serious security breaches and human rights violations, the possibilities and prospects for effective economic and environmental cooperation look bleak. So, the complexity of delivering on your mandate and the challenges to strengthening the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE becomes more evident.

Therefore, it is our strong belief that we must be guided by our commitment to all the principles and values of the OSCE, and we should not look beyond the stated goals of this organisation. All of the activities of the OCEEA should be aimed at restoring shattered confidence and trust in the OSCE region. To this end, the commitments enshrined in the Hamburg MC decision, providing that the activities of the OCEEA should be based on solidarity, transparency, equal and non-discriminatory partnership, mutual accountability and full respect for the interests of all participating States, are indispensable for building bridges and promoting co-operation, and we commend your efforts in this regard.

Dear Mr. Coordinator,

In this context, we also welcome your intention to keep the issue of fighting corruption at the center of the OCEEA's activities. As you rightly noted, Armenia has benefitted from the OSCE expertise in this area. The recent training within the framework of the anti-corruption project implemented in Armenia is another proof of such effective

cooperation. We firmly believe that supporting participating States in the fight against corruption is one of the main objectives of the OSCE's second dimension, since corruption poses a direct and serious threat to security and stability in the OSCE region. Therefore, we believe that the share of anti-corruption activities in the overall activities of the OCEEA should be expanded and multiplied. This is where the OCEEA can make a real impact.

In the context of the implementation of the Ministerial Council decision on "Strengthening co-operation to address the challenges caused by climate change", we attach particular importance to the aspects of education and awareness raising of children and youth in the field of environmental protection and climate change. Similarly, the extra-budgetary project on "Strengthening responses to security risks from climate change in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia " can become an effective tool for the implementation of commitments by the countries concerned.

In closing, I would like to wish you, Ambassador Hasani, every success in your endeavors and assure you of our readiness for continued co-operation with your Office.

I thank you.