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Statement

On the Case of Hrant Dink

**delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 981th Meeting of the OSCE
Permanent Council**

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Madam. Chair,

We would like to draw attention of the Permanent Council to the recent press-release of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Mrs. Dunja Mijatovic on case of Hrant Dink, a prominent Turkish Armenian intellectual, chief editor of the Armenian newspaper Agos who was killed seven years ago in Istanbul. The Press Release states "Seven years after the murder of Hrant Dink the masterminds behind this terrible act of violence have still not been called to account. The Turkish authorities must double their efforts and no longer delay bringing justice to the family of Hrant Dink. The Turkish justice system must show to Turkish citizens that such crimes do not go unpunished."

My Delegation shares the concerns voiced out by the Representative on Freedom of the Media.

It should be recalled that the Delegation of Armenia raised this issue twice in last two years. In response we had been advised by the Turkish Delegation to wait for the results of legal proceedings.

We also took note of the rallies organized in Istanbul, which clearly showed the public demand for bringing the masterminds of the crime to justice.

Having in mind that already seven years have passed since the crime was perpetrated we would like to ask once again the Delegation of Turkey if there is a progress on this case.

Thank You.