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Statement
In response to the presentations
by the chairpersons of the three committees
as delivered by Ambassador Armen Papikyan,
at the 1402nd meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council

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Mr. Chair,

Allow me to start by thanking distinguished colleagues, Ambassadors Jocelyn Kinnear Chair of the Security Committee, Florian Raunig, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee and Anne-Kirsti Karlsen, Chair of the Human Dimension Committee for their efforts and continued dedication in steering the respective committees in these challenging times and hostile environment.

Mr. Chairman,

The current dire security environment in the OSCE area has notably affected the works of the committees, including its usual planning process and substantial deliberations. However, in no way it should lead to inaction or change of heart when it comes to our principles and commitments.

In the first dimension we must address all the security challenges in the OSCE area in an equal and evenly manner. In this regard we positively note the intention of the upcoming North Macedonian Chairmanship in staying “engaged across regions in search of peace” by way of relying on the existing formats, providing support for our presence on the ground. Illicit financial flows, such as money laundering, financing of terrorism and corruption pose a serious threat to security in the OSCE area, therefore they should remain high on the agenda of the Security Committee. We urge you to address the issue of the instrumentalization foreign terrorist fighters in the OSCE area based on the sad experiences of our recent past.

As a multifaceted and transversal problem corruption should also remain at the center of our activities in the second dimension. As a staunch advocate for the fight against corruption 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 our organization should be expanded and redoubled. This is where the OSCE can make a difference.

Dear colleagues,

It is Armenia`s long standing position that the backbone of the OSCE is based on the inextricable link between security and human rights. We expect that the topics of international humanitarian law, prevention of torture, hate crime and hate speech, issues related to civil, political, economic and cultural rights will be high on the agenda of the Committee. Similarly, violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms must continue to remain at the focus of the Committee as they have direct implications for security in our region. The intention of the North Macedonian Chairmanship to initiate a broad debate on the necessity of increased engagement related to the respect of fundamental human rights in the light of today's complexities, including wars and conflicts is encouraging.

In closing, let me once again thank all three distinguished colleagues, Chairs of the three Committees for their able stewardship and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

Thank you.