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Statement

In Response to H.E. Francisco Martínez Vázquez, the Secretary of State for Security of Spain and H.E. Ambassador Ali El Mhamdi, the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco

delivered by the Permanent Delegation of Armenia at the 58th Joint Meeting of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-Operation and the Permanent Council

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Mr. Chairpersons,

We would like to thank the Chairpersons of the Forum for Security Co-Operation and the Permanent Council for convening the Joint FSC-PC meeting on such an important and relevant topic as addressing transnational threats in the Mediterranean region..

We thank the distinguished speakers, H.E. Francisco Martínez Vázquez and H.E. Ambassador Ali El Mhamdi for their thought provoking addresses.

Indeed, the issues related to international terrorism including foreign terrorist fighters are essential part of transnational threats in the Mediterranean region. We strongly share your view, Mr. Vazquez, on the necessity of having agenda of fighting the ISIL worldwide and within the OSCE region. We strongly encourage all participating States to take commitments aimed at full implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions 2170 and 2178 in order to address the threats posed by foreign terrorist fighters enlisted therein such as the ISIL and the ANF in the OSCE agenda. We concur with the assesment of distinguished representative of Jordan on the ISIL as a global challenge which requires global approach.

The urgent need to prevent the use of territories of the participating States by the ISIL and the ANF and other cells of Al-Qaida, who initiate cross-border attacks against civilian population is essential in this regard. We are encouraged that all delegations expressed readiness to address these issues in the OSCE agenda and we are looking forward to their constructive contribution at drafting of the relevant OSCE Ministerial Council declarations.

Having said this, we would like to stress the importance of adoption of Ministerial Council declarations on the OSCE Role in Countering the Phenomenon of Foreign Terrorist Fighters and on the Cooperation with the Mediterranean Partners. These declarations should lay the foundation for our Organization in meeting the challenge of this scourge.

Thank You.