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Statement On the Report of the Chairman-In-Office on the Need Assessment Mission to Armenia as delivered by Ambassador Armen Papikyan 1402nd Meeting of the Permanent Council

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Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for informing the Permanent Council about the report. We look forward to reading the whole report and analyze in details its conclusions and findings.

At the same time, in the current circumstances, we believe that it could have been of interest to all delegations to learn more about the details and findings of the report which eventually will help everyone understand the applicability of the recommendations and the prospects of the OSCE engagement to address the issues that have been identified in the report.

It goes without saying that we highly appreciate the role of the Chairperson-in-Office, the OSCE Troika, the FSC Chair and the Secretary General for dispatching the mission to Armenia.

We have had a long discussion on this issue, and Azerbaijan is perhaps the only participating State that has a differing understanding or interpretation of the Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/11 on the Conflict Cycle.

This whole situation reveals that Azerbaijan in general has different understanding of the commitments towards the OSCE. One thing that Azerbaijan refuses to accept but we would like to highlight once again is that the Need Assessment Mission has been dispatched to the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia, at the request of the host country, and in full compliance with the OSCE decision to which Azerbaijan gave its consent back in 2011.

Thank you.