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Statement

On the large scale military exercises held in Azerbaijan

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Mr Chairman,

As the platform of the FSC is designed to address our commitments VsV CSBMs and particularly Vienna Document, I would like to draw the attention of the FSC to the large-scale military exercise of the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan held from April 16- 21, this year.

The Press service of the Ministry of Defense of Azerbaijan confirmed that 30.000 troops of the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan took part in the exercise with involvement of more than 250 tanks and Armored vehicles, 200 missiles and artillery systems.

In line with paragraph 40.1.1 of Chapter V of the Vienna Document 11 (**V. Prior Notification of Certain Military Activities (CMA)**), the military activity is subject to notification at least 42 days in advance for military activity exceeding one of the following thresholds: 9,000 troops, 250 tanks, 500 ACVs, or 250 pieces of artillery.

In this regard, we would like to express our concern. Yet another time a large-scale military activity held in Azerbaijan was not accordingly notified despite the fact, that it falls under the category of notifiable military activities.

We request Azerbaijani delegation to provide clarifications on this matter.

Furthermore, as the Press Service of the Ministry of Defense of Azerbaijan has announced about the conduct of joint tactical military exercise by Azerbaijan and Turkey started from May 1 to 5, I would like to request the information from the Turkish delegation about the parameters of this exercise, in the spirit of transparency.

Thank you.