



ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՀԱՆՐԱՊԵՏՈՒԹՅԱՆ ՊԱՏՎԻՐԱԿՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ
DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

Statement

On the large scale military exercise held in Azerbaijan

delivered at the 795th meeting of the

Forum for Security Co-operation

September 9th, 2015

Mr Chairman,

We would like to invite the attention of the FSC to the large-scale military exercise of the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan started on September 06, 2015.

The Press service of the Ministry of Defense of Azerbaijan confirmed that 65.000 troops of the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan are taking part in the exercise of which 6000 are military reserve officers.

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, because yet another time the exercise was not properly notified by the Azerbaijani side 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 same Press statement of the Ministry of Defense of Azerbaijan offers information about the use of 700 pieces of armored vehicles and 500 pieces of artillery and rockets during the exercise, I would like to request further clarifications from the Azerbaijani side about the types of the Armored vehicles as well as the caliber of the artillery units used during the exercise.

Thank you.