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Statement

On the 70th Anniversary of the End of the Second World War
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1050th Meeting of the OSCE
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to share some remarks in our national capacity in regard to the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.

This anniversary is important for all the OSCE participating States along with other remembrance dates. The Victory Day is a good opportunity to pay tribute to all those who through their enormous sacrifices eventually won the peace and dignity for future generations. The Armenian people alongside with the peoples of the Soviet Union and other allied nations made their contribution to the victory of humanity.

600 thousand Armenians participated in the war and almost half of them did not return from the battle fields and concentration camps. Aside from Great Patriotic War, Armenians played an important role in resistance and liberation movement in Europe particularly in France.

In reference to the statement of the Azerbaijani Delegation, we regret that the delegation which during the last PC did not see any merits in discussing issues of remembrance, this time is trying to use the 70th anniversary in pursuing its narrow political agenda of anti-Armenian propaganda.

Remembrance of events of common history and common victory should rather unite and not divide peoples and lead the way to reconciliation.

Thank you.