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Statement

**in Response to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia Mikheil Janelidze
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1102nd Meeting of the
OSCE Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to warmly welcome distinguished Minister Mikheil Janelidze at the Permanent Council and thank him for his thorough address.

Armenian- Georgian relations are anchored on traditional millennia-old historic and cultural ties, friendship, mutual respect and fruitful cooperation. Our bilateral cooperation is aimed at strengthening peace, security and stability in the region of South Caucasus.

Regular exchange of high level visits promotes political dialogue and serves as an important pillar to further develop our partnership. In this regard we would like to recall your recent visit to Armenia in March and reached agreements, which provided impetus to deepening of our cooperation on the mutual beneficial basis.

Our bilateral relations are an important cornerstone of regional cooperation. The joint project on harmonization of the electricity networks of Armenia, Georgia and Iran is exemplary in this regard. The project of North-South highway is currently underway in Armenia, which will connect Persian Gulf with Georgian ports at the Black sea, thus promoting regional trade.

In our view, security cannot be ensured at the expense of the other, and we believe that this conviction guides Georgia in its security policy. We are pleased to note that both Armenia and Georgia share the view on the necessity of application of the OSCE toolbox for promoting comprehensive and indivisible security in the OSCE area.

We would like to once again thank you for your address and wish you every success in your future endeavors!

Thank you.