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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the appointment of the Prime Minister of Armenia

Mr. Chairperson,

We congratulate the fraternal Armenian people on the election and inauguration of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

We note the mature and responsible approach demonstrated by Armenia's political forces to solving the conflicts that had arisen, which were overcome through constructive dialogue in a legal framework on the basis of the country's Constitution.

We trust that the appointment of the Prime Minister of Armenia will help to further strengthen the friendly alliance between our countries and the partnership within the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Eurasian Economic Union and the Collective Security Treaty Organization. We are committed to continuing joint work to develop multilateral co-operation between Russia and Armenia in the interests of the peoples of our countries.

Thank you for your attention.