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at the 1568th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council

in response to the address of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

11 June 2026

Mr Chair,

We warmly welcome Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Permanent Council and thank him for his comprehensive update on the work of the Council of Europe.

This period continues to be challenging for democracies across our continent. Democratic institutions are increasingly under pressure, including in societies where democratic achievements are considered irreversible. These developments require not only careful assessment, but also determined and collective action.

The complementary mandates of our two organisations place us in a unique position to contribute to this effort. At a time of growing challenges to democracy, human rights and the rule of law, leveraging synergies and new forms of cooperation based on shared values is essential, while it remains also important to avoid duplications. We therefore welcome the emphasis placed on strengthening partnerships in the new Council of Europe Strategy for External Action, adopted at the Chisinau Ministerial meeting last month, as well as the recognition of the OSCE, the European Union, the United Nations and the International Organisation of La Francophonie as natural partners of the Council of Europe.

We are also encouraged that cooperation between the OSCE and the Council of Europe continues to deliver tangible results across key areas, including democratic governance, election observation, human rights, media freedom and resilience-building.

Armenia highly appreciates the action of the Council of Europe under your leadership to advance a renewed democratic agenda for Europe through the New Democratic Pact for Europe. We share the view that democratic resilience must be strengthened through sustained reforms, effective institutions and robust safeguards against emerging threats. Equally important is the strengthening of preventive and early-warning capacities, so that democratic vulnerabilities can be addressed before they develop into deeper crises.

In this regard, we consider the Council of Europe Ministerial decision on addressing foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) through a new legal instrument particularly timely and relevant, while fully preserving our core values and principles.

Mr Chair,

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Armenia's membership in the Council of Europe. Throughout these twenty-five years, the Organisation has been an important partner in Armenia's democratic transformation. The principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law continue to guide our reform efforts and our broader vision for the country's development.

Recent months have highlighted Armenia's growing engagement with Europe. We were honoured to host the European Political Community Summit, the first-ever Armenia - EU Summit, and the Yerevan Dialogue Forum. Your opening address at the Yerevan Dialogue Forum, Mr. Secretary General, delivered alongside the Prime Minister of Armenia and the President of France, as well as your valuable contributions to the discussions on democratic resilience and the protection of institutions from emerging threats, were greatly appreciated.

The parliamentary elections held on 7 June constituted another important milestone in Armenia's democratic journey. They demonstrated the resilience of our democratic institutions, offered voters a genuine political choice, and were conducted in a competitive and pluralistic environment, as was confirmed by the international observation mission, comprising ODIHR, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament.

We also greatly appreciate your congratulations following the elections. We share your view that the Armenia - Council of Europe partnership is essential for advancing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. We are convinced that the OSCE and the Council of Europe play a key role in promoting democratic security and human rights protection throughout the region as foundations for lasting peace and stability.

In conclusion, we thank you once again for your statement and assure you of Armenia's commitment to strengthening the Council of Europe - OSCE cooperation and to promoting democratic security, human rights, the rule of law and lasting peace throughout Europe.

Thank you.