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Statement

**On the Report of CPC Director Marcel Peško
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1159th Meeting of the OSCE
Permanent Council
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We would like to thank the CPC Director Ambassador Marcel Peško for his report to the Permanent Council.

We have few comments on the report.

The report makes reference to the closure of the Office in Yerevan and OSCE continued engagement with Armenia.

Earlier today we have already referred to the closure of the Yerevan Office in the statement on the UB 2018. Hence, I would not repeat myself.

Just I would like to highlight that Armenia hosted the Office to get support on the implementation of the OSCE commitments. The Office was closed because it was successful in assisting Armenia to this end.

As long as there are some participating states which find their *raison d'être* in this Organization in impeding the others to implement OSCE commitments and there is a little political will to protect assets of the Organization, both security and cooperation which are motto of our Organization will be elusive.

Now let me to refer to the OSCE continued engagement with Armenia. We certainly value the role and readiness of the Secretariat including CPC to continue certain projects in Armenia. We would like to assure that Armenia will further rely on the OSCE expertise in implementing its commitments.

We agree with your assessment that, in the context of conflict resolution and peacebuilding, better use could be made of confidence-building measures (CBMs), which could also be applied more effectively for the purpose of early action and crisis response. In this vein field operations who had been established to promote confidence building measures should be strengthened as a response to evolving security situations. In this regard we took note of the work performed by the CPC on the expansion of the PRCIO.

Finally, we would like to refer to the work that CPC is doing in relation with displacement. We believe that reference point of any activity for the CPC is OSCE commitments but not documents which are not consensual and produced through cooperation of the CPC with other international organization. In other words CPC should be guided by the decision 3/11 on conflict cycle on the issues of displacement as well. Decision 3/11 clearly recognizes the needs of people which are at the risk of displacement or already affected by it. Hence we would like to request the CPC to plan and perform their activities by taking into account the prevention of displacement and needs of people residing in conflict areas.

I thank you.