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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT

**in response to the delegation of Azerbaijan
by the delegation of the Republic of Armenia at the 1041st meeting of the Forum for
Security Co-operation**

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Armenia firmly refutes all the unfounded claims and allegations of the delegation of Azerbaijan. By spreading such disinformation it aims at covering up its track record of blatant violations of international obligations and commitments, including those undertaken within this organization.

Armenia has been very vocal in support of honouring by all the participating States of their obligations and commitments, for the sake of stability, transparency and predictability.

We have to recall that following the preplanned and large-scale war of aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan on 27 September 2020 against Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) and its people and subsequent military attacks against Nagorno-Karabakh along the line of contact and in the vicinity of Lachin Corridor, as well as the armed incursions into the territory of Armenia in May 2021 and massive military aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Armenia on September 13-14, 2022, resulting in the occupation by Azerbaijani forces of around 150 square kilometers of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia, the Armenian delegation from 2020 onward has been notifying the OSCE participating States about the delay of the annual exchange of military information and relevant notifications under the Vienna Document. The last notification was distributed in December 2022 under the reference number CBM/AM/22/0001/F41/0 through the Note Verbale FSC.EMI/470/22.

We also have to recall that the Armenian delegation continuously raised the issue of non-compliance by Azerbaijan of its commitments under the Vienna Document and the CFE. In particular, during recent years we have been witnessing Azerbaijan conducting unnotified large-scale military exercises accompanied by highly provocative and hostile messages

and with clear offensive scenarios, while refusing to provide information on the parameters of those exercises.

This is a distinct pattern of actions of Azerbaijan while preparing to launch an armed aggression. A similar series of actions was played out prior to the 2020 war of aggression against Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) with direct involvement of foreign terrorists as mercenary fighters, as well as prior to the September 2022 aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Armenia.

We once again call on Azerbaijan to refrain from spreading disinformation and misleading the OSCE and its participating States, and urge Azerbaijan to adopt a constructive approach necessary for moving towards normalization of relations and peace, including through comprehensive settlement of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, on the basis of all norms and principles of the international law, in particular, purposes and principles of the UN Charter, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and Helsinki Final Act, which Azerbaijan is also bound to follow and respect.