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**Statement
in response to the statement by the Czech Republic
on behalf of the European Union
as delivered by the Delegation of Armenia
at the 1384th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council**

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Mr Chairman,

The Delegation of Armenia thanks the delegation of the Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union for raising this current issue on the "World Day against Trafficking in Persons".

Combating trafficking in persons is a key priority for the Government of Armenia, and we had an opportunity to present the activities and developments with regard to combating trafficking in human beings at the last Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. As mentioned earlier, to this end Armenia has developed effective collaboration with all relevant stakeholders including international partners and local NGOs and representatives of civil society.

In closing I would like to once again underline the urgency of addressing and scrutinising two important aspects in the context of Countering Trafficking in Human Beings in Armed Conflicts that we encountered during the war of aggression against Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh).

Here, we speak about the use of similar modalities of trafficking being used for the recruitment of foreign mercenaries and terrorist fighters as well as about the nexus between trafficking in human beings and the enforced disappearance, in particular related to the Prisoners of War.

We reiterate our call on the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to address these issues in close coordination with other relevant mandates and international organisations.

Thank you.