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**On the Upcoming Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Armenia
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1128th Meeting of the OSCE
Permanent Council**

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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to inform the OSCE Permanent Council that in accordance to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Armenia, dated December 29, 2016, the regular elections of the National Assembly will be held in April 2 this year.

In line with its OSCE commitments stemming from the 1990 Copenhagen Document, the Government of the Republic of Armenia has extended an official invitation to the OSCE/ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to observe the elections.

The upcoming parliamentary elections are of particular importance as they will be the first elections to be held in the framework of the amended Constitution of the Republic of Armenia and the new Electoral Code. It should be mentioned that the Electoral Code has been adopted through exhaustive but inclusive political process bringing together all Parliamentary political parties and civil society representatives.

The Government of Armenia is committed to hold the elections in free, fair and democratic manner in accordance to the international and OSCE commitments.

Thank you.