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Statement

On Zero Discrimination Day

**delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1091st Meeting of the OSCE
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to support the statement on the Zero Discrimination Day made by Canada.

Zero Discrimination Day is a strong reminder of the necessity of joint efforts in combating all forms of discrimination against members and groups including those which are protected by the UN Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Discrimination is an infringement on human rights itself, and it creates fertile ground for other human rights violations and crimes against humanity.

Indeed, some of the gravest and darkest pages of human history, including genocides occurred when the ideology of hatred was incorporated into political movements which claimed political and moral leadership over their societies.

We need to streamline OSCE early warning capacities and commitments to fight intolerance and discrimination, combat hate speech and hate crimes and prevent genocides, as the gravest and ultimate form of racism and discrimination.

Thank You.