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Statement

**On the 69th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War
delivered by the Delegation of Armenia at the 999th Meeting of the OSCE**

Permanent Council

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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank the Delegations for their statements on the 69th Anniversary of the Victory Day.

On this very occasion we would like to extend our congratulations to the OSCE delegations. This anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe is important for all OSCE participating States. The Victory Day is a good opportunity to pay tribute to all those who through their enormous sacrifices eventually won the peace and dignity for future generations. The Armenian people along side with peoples of the Soviet Union and other allied nations made its contribution in the victory of humanity.

We also would like to recall the centennial of the First World War which we are marking this year. The duty of memory to all victims of two World Wars should bring us together in promoting peace, security, human rights and providing guarantees of non-reoccurrence of mass atrocities in Europe.

In reference to the statement of the Azerbaijani Delegation, we are pleased to inform the Permanent Council that May 9 is celebrated in Nagorno Karabakh also as the Day of Liberation of the historic Armenian city of Shushi and establishment of the Defence Army of Nagorno Karabakh, which resisted the Azerbaijani aggression and saved the people of Nagorno Karabakh from complete annihilation.

Our position on the United Nations Security Council Resolutions in regard to the conflict is well known. Therefore we would only like to stress that those Resolutions do not contain any single word about the so called «occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenia». We regret, that the Azerbaijani Delegation is still stuck in the early 1990s and completely ignores the ceasefire and subsequent 20 years of negotiations on the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

Thank you.