



**Statement**  
**in Response to the Report of the Coordinator of the OSCE Economic and**  
**Environmental Activities Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden**  
**delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1095th Meeting of the**  
**OSCE Permanent Council**  
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to join other delegations and thank distinguished Dr. Yigitguden for his comprehensive report.

Armenia aligns itself with the statement of Netherlands on behalf of the European Union, but I would like to make a point in our national capacity.

Some delegations here referred to certain initiatives on transport connectivity and establishment of an informal working group. In this regard we would like to stress our firm belief that initiatives on development of international and regional transport corridors should promote universal and indivisible security in the OSCE area, in line with our joint commitments.

If such initiatives or projects are not inclusive and are aimed to consolidation of dividing lines and isolation from regional cooperation, then they have no validity for our Organization and contradict its values and comprehensive security concept.

Thus, Armenia will oppose any initiatives, whose objective is to strengthen the illegal land blockade of my country and isolate it from regional economic cooperation.

Thank You.