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Additional Statement

**On the Recent Escalation of Situation along the Line of Contact between
Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan and the Armenian-Azerbaijani state border
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1014rd Special Meeting of
the OSCE Permanent Council**

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Mr. Chairman

We took note of the statement of the distinguished Azerbaijani Ambassador.

In our statement, delivered at the 1013th PC meeting, on August 14, we highlighted the real circumstances of the escalation of situation along the Line of Contact between Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan and the Armenian-Azerbaijani state border. Therefore, we will not go into details again, but will rather make some additional remarks.

We resolutely believe that peoples should be prepared for peace, not war. Unfortunately until now, instead of preparing its people for peace the Azerbaijani leadership has been doing just the reverse. In spite of the several appeals of the international community to refrain from provocative rhetoric and actions, Azerbaijan continues its bellicose statements, glorification of murderers and persecution of peace advocates, the propaganda of xenophobia, intolerance and hatred, which leads to raising tension and escalation of the situation in the region.

My Delegation has stated on a number of cases that by rejecting the proposals of the Armenian side and the Minsk Group Co-Chair countries on strengthening the ceasefire regime through implementation of confidence and security building measures, such as withdrawal of snipers and creation of an investigative mechanism into ceasefire violations, the Azerbaijani side assumes full responsibility for the human casualties along the Line of Contact and the state border.

To our deep regret, the leadership of Azerbaijan continues to instigate hatred towards Armenia and Armenians, thus encouraging new military provocations.

Recently, the leader of Azerbaijan in his attempt to justify the military provocations of Azerbaijan stated: "If the Armenian fascist state does not give up its dirty deeds, the

very existence of the Armenian state can be called into question. Today we know too well that the Armenian state was founded on historically Azerbaijani lands. The Erivan khanate, Zangezur, Goycha are all our historical lands. We, the Azerbaijanis, must go back to this land, and we will do that!”.

We regret that unacceptable war mongering and instigation of hatred against Armenia and Armenians through distorting history has become one of the distinctive features, characterizing the Azerbaijani leadership. The latter sends a clear encouraging message to its army to violate the ceasefire and kill Armenian military servicemen and civilians.

The last such case was capture and killing of Karen Petrosyan, a civilian from Chinari village, who was captured, publicly humiliated, tortured and killed in Azerbaijani detention. In the note of the Armenian Delegation, distributed on August 15, we brought to the attention of the OSCE participating States the data and evidence, including from the Azerbaijani witnesses, clearly showing that Karen Petrosyan was alone, unarmed and was not wearing any uniform. We would like to commend the Minsk Group Co-Chair countries for expressing their concern on the death of Karen Petrosyan and their call to investigate that case.

We regret, that despite the clear facts, the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry resorted to obvious lie in its attempt to conceal that shocking violation of the humanitarian law.

Armenia is committed to continue the negotiation process within the existing OSCE format, aimed at the settlement of the conflict, exclusively through peaceful means in the basis of the principles of international law.

Thank You.