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**DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**  
**ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

**Statement**

**On the Denial of Entry Visa for the Head and Members of the Russian  
Delegation to the OSCE PA**

**delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1061st Meeting of the OSCE  
Permanent Council  
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Mr. Chairperson,

We regret the unfortunate development, which made impossible participation of the Delegation of the Russian Federation at the Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Helsinki next week.

The OSCE PA is a forum of equal and inclusive dialogue for the elected representatives of the OSCE participating States in order to address issues of common agenda in cooperative way. The inability of one delegation to take part in the OSCE events does not represent the spirit of Helsinki.

We urge the organizers of the Annual Session of the OSCE PA to undertake all necessary measures to ensure proper conditions for all parliamentary delegations to take part in the event.

Thank You.