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Statement

On the 70th Anniversary of of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

as delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian, Permanent Representative of Armenia at the 25th Meeting of the Milan Ministerial Council December 7, 2018

Mr. Chair,

Armenia has joined the statement delivered by the European Union. Now let me make some remarks in my national capacity.

The commemoration of 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide is an important occasion to show solidarity and resolve of international community to fight and prevent this heinous crime.

In 2008 in Helsinki the OSCE participating states adopted Commemorative Ministerial Declaration in this regard. Armenia and Cyprus submitted to the consideration of all OSCE participating states a similar draft Commemorative Declaration at this Ministerial Council. We express our gratitude to all those participating states who supported this initiative and to the Italian Chairmanship for presenting it as a Draft Ministerial Declaration.

We regret that despite overwhelming support it was not possible to reaffirm our joint commitment to the Convention at the level of all 57 at this Ministerial Council.

Nevertheless, Armenia stands ready to cooperate with all participating states to advance objectives of the Convention and mainstream Genocide Remembrance and Prevention into activities of our Organization

Thank you.