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STATEMENT AT 811th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL

As for delivery by Ambassador Fuad Ismayilov

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Taking into consideration the statements made by the distinguished delegations of Spain, on behalf of the EU, and of France, I have the honour to deliver the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan issued on May 24, 2010.

The statement runs as follows:

"The Republic of Azerbaijan shares concerns of its international partners about negative effect on the ongoing peace process by the illegal "parliamentary elections" held in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 23 May 2010.

Another attempt by the Republic of Armenia to camouflage its annexation policy and occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan ended with a complete and unavoidable failure. With its deeds the Armenian side misleads no one but its own society. The international community is well aware of the situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, as it was indicated just recently in the report on the need for an EU strategy for South Caucasus, adopted by the European Parliament.

The Republic of Azerbaijan shall never accept the *fait accompli*-based solution, which the Armenian side is trying to impose. The conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan can only be solved on the basis of respect for territorial integrity, sovereignty and inviolability of internationally recognized borders of Azerbaijan, and peaceful coexistence of Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in the Nagorno-Karabakh region within Azerbaijan, fully and equally enjoying benefits of democracy and prosperity.

Azerbaijan once again urges the Armenian side to cease its destructive policies and instead of wasting the precious time to negotiate in good faith with a view to finding a soonest and durable solution to the conflict, based on the norms and principles of the international law."

I would ask, Mr. Chairman, that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.