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Statement

On the Terrorist Attacks in Paris
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1077th Special Meeting of the
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Delegation of the French Republic on the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, which claimed many innocent lives.

President of Armenia H.E. Serzh Sargsyan in his condolence letter to President of the French Republic H.E. Francois Hollande stressed in this regard:

“The growth of this kind of inhuman violence ... gives rise to serious concerns. I am confident that each member of the civilized community will join the struggle against this evil facing of us. We must not allow violence, extremism and intolerance to prevail. We are obliged to make concerted efforts at revealing and eradicating all those factors which cause such horrible manifestations of extremism.”

Mr. Chairman,

In light of this sad and shocking tragedy and many other recent tragedies in the OSCE area and its neighbourhood we need to demonstrate our resoluteness in countering the inhuman scourge of terrorism and ideology of hate.

The Delegation of Armenia would like to emphasize the urgent need to implement and enhance OSCE commitments related to fight against terrorism and particularly its recent new phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters. The threat, which the terrorist organizations, such as ISIL, Al Nusra Front and other groups, associated with Al Qaeda, pose, is of a global nature, is a threat to our security and values and therefore our response should be global and concerted in the spirit of today's Declaration.

Thank you.