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**Statement**

**In response to the Address of H.E. Kostyantyn Gryshchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 917<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council  
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Mr. Chairperson,

We join the other delegations in warmly welcoming and thanking H.E. Mr Kostyantyn Gryshchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, for highlighting the Ukrainian vision and priorities of its upcoming Chairmanship.

Ukraine will assume its Chairmanship in the important stage of the OSCE evolvement on midway from Astana to Helsinki+40. The Ukrainian Chairmanship's efforts towards implementation of the Astana Declaration and all OSCE commitments across three dimensions will further contribute to the strengthening identity and standing of our organization.

We welcome the intention of the upcoming Chairmanship to increase the effectiveness of the OSCE in addressing the conflict cycle particularly through concentrating on the early warning and early action.

My delegation also supports Ukraine's emphasis on the conflict resolution. There are number of conflicts in the OSCE area and their resolution is addressed through different arrangements and mechanisms, some of them are part of this organization. Every conflict situation and its resolution are unique and require continuity, consistency and expertise of mediators. Hence, the support of the Ukrainian Chairmanship to the agreed formats particularly the OSCE Minsk Group and its Co-Chairs will be an important contribution towards conflict resolution.

The conflict resolution is possible once parties abandon violence as means to achieve their goals and seek one-sided advantages. The upcoming Ukrainian Chairmanship's clear message on the absolute imperative of rejecting violence, honoring already reached agreements and arriving to the negotiated outcome will be an indispensable part of the collective practical efforts aimed at resolving protracted conflicts. The right of people to peace, equality and self-determination should not be neglected here.

Armenia is ready to closely work with the upcoming Ukrainian Chairmanship to advance its priorities. We are confident that the valuable experience gained by Ukraine in the international cooperation and strong political and diplomatic skills of the upcoming Chairman-in-Office will be fully utilized to have an OSCE at its best, an inclusive platform for dialogue of equal partners.

Thank you.