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**STATEMENT BY
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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1385th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the urgent necessity to fully implement the trilateral statement of 9 November 2020
by the leaders of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Russian Federation is concerned about the recent escalation of tensions in the area of the Laçın corridor and other segments of the line of contact, which has unfortunately led to human casualties. We express our condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives and wish a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

The present situation is a focus of attention for our country's leadership. Thus, the matter was discussed during the briefing session that took place on 4 August between the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, and the permanent members of the Security Council of the Russian Federation. During a telephone conversation on 8 August, President Putin and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan, exchanged views on the development of events and gave substantive consideration to issues related to ensuring security on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov, is in close contact with his Armenian and Azerbaijani counterparts. The necessary efforts to stabilize the situation on the ground are being undertaken through the Russian peacekeeping contingent.

Russia calls on the parties to exercise restraint and adhere strictly to the ceasefire. We take the view that the ongoing process of normalization of relations between the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan should continue to take place in strict compliance with the provisions of the statement of 9 November 2020 by the leaders of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, and that all the existing differences should be settled exclusively by political and diplomatic means.

Thank you for your attention.