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Closing Statement
31st Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council
as delivered by Ambassador Andranik Hovhannisyan

Valletta, Malta December 6, 2024

Madam Chair,

We believe that the OSCE as the largest security Organization still has a potential to deliver on its core mandate and against this backdrop Armenia will continue to be guided by the urgency of upholding and preserving our Organization's functionality, integrity and the ability to continue its mandated work based on our common principles.

Madam Chair,

It would not be an exaggeration to state that the recent discussions on the adoption of the Unified Budget of the OSCE occurred under unprecedented and highly challenging circumstances, where the Organization's future, its proper functioning, and its operations have been largely at stake.

These circumstances placed an enormous burden on participating States. Armenia was no exception.

We supported the draft decision on the 2024 Unified Budget as it was tabled. We did our best to contribute to this end by adopting a highly constructive approach and making significant compromises. This has been the reflection of our political will and we regret that the UB was not adopted.

At the same time, we believe that the Minsk Process mechanisms should remain in place until an agreement on peace and normalization of interstate relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan is achieved. Armenia is convinced that such an agreement is within reach.

In closing we welcome the decision and readiness of Cyprus to serve as CiO in 2027, which Armenia strongly supports.

We thank Malta for the warm hospitality.

We request this statement to be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.