



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**  
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*In response to the statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Armenia*

Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, I wish to stress that the agenda item under consideration is entitled “Review Current issues” meaning discussion of threats and challenges currently faced by the OSCE.

The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan found the statements by the Delegations of the Republic of Armenia, the USA, the Russian Federation, France, Greece, Cyprus and Germany as completely irrelevant to the OSCE agenda, since it draws this Organization into controversy over the events of early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We are of firm conviction that one-sided interpretation of historical narratives by these participating States, as well as by some political figures and structures is absolutely counter-productive and has detrimental effect on security environment in our region. These steps taken due to political considerations deepen mistrust, cause counter-actions and alienate people from each other. Century-old allegations on historical events must be dealt with by historians, not politicians.

Since the participating States I referred to above expressed their position on this issue, we encourage these countries to demonstrate similar resolve in solution of current security challenges and armed conflicts in the OSCE area, as a result of which many people had become victims of serious crimes against humanity and war crimes, and continue to be deprived of their basic human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.