



## **Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

### ***1093<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Council***

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*on terror attacks in Ankara*

Mr. Chairperson,

We are extremely saddened that terror once again showed its ugly face targeting innocent civilians in Ankara last weekend. On this occasion, the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan conveys its heartfelt condolences to the people and Government of Turkey. We share the grief of entire Turkish nation, especially those who lost their loved ones and wish earliest recovery to the wounded.

At this difficult time, Azerbaijan stands by the brotherly Turkey and supports its fight against terrorism, which targets its stability, unity and territorial integrity. As a sign of strong solidarity with the people and Government of Turkey, the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Azerbaijan-Turkey High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council was moved from Baku to Ankara upon the initiative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev. During his visit to Ankara on March 14, President Aliyev declared: *“We strongly condemn this heinous terrorist act and reiterate that we stand by the Turkish people today. Our unity is eternal and irreversible. We are always together on both joyful and difficult days. We in Azerbaijan are absolutely confident that the terrorist attacks against the Turkish people and the state will not produce desired outcome. They cannot suppress or influence the will of the Turkish people, and force Turkey to deviate from its path”*.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.