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Statement

On the Parliamentary Elections in Nagorno-Karabakh Republic
delivered by the Delegation of Armenia at the 1050th Meeting of the OSCE
Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has already drawn the attention of the Permanent Council to the parliamentary elections in Nagorno-Karabakh that took place on May 3, 2015. We have already recalled that during last elections in Nagorno-Karabakh OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs „acknowledged the need for the de facto authorities in NK to try to organize democratically the public life of their population“. We also took note of the statement dated April 30, 2015 wherein the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs „recognize the role of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh in deciding their future“.

In the comments made in relation to the Parliamentary Elections, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia Edward Nalbandian stressed that “the people of Nagorno-Karabakh once again demonstrated determination to decide their future in democratic manner through holding free and competitive parliamentary elections on May 3, 2015.”

It should be noted that more than 100 international observers monitored the elections and according to their assessment the elections were held in organized, transparent manner in line with international standards.

The right to form a government and the right to vote are inherent and inalienable fundamental human rights and no one can neither deny their exercise nor label them as illegal in any part of the OSCE area, including Nagorno-Karabakh.

Thank You.