Statement of the delegation of the Republic of Armenia with regard to the written statement of the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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The Armenian delegation at COP 21 once again would like to reiterate the inadmissibility of politicizing the debate and therefore avoiding political discourse between Parties under UNFCCC, in order to keep the negotiations under Paris agreement in the framework of the stated objectives of the Convention and the paramount importance of having a legally binding document in Paris. This is neither the right place nor the appropriate format to refer to the UN Security Council Resolutions that are calling to all sides to halt any military activities. In fact, it is Azerbaijan that is constantly escalating the situation on the line of contact with Nagorno Karabakh and on the border with Armenia.

As to the Azerbaijan's greenhouse gas inventory does not cover emissions from the territory of Nagorno Karabakh. Subsequently the targets taken by Azerbaijan under Intended Nationally Determined Contributions to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions do not envisage mitigation actions from the Nagorno Karabakh territory.

Azerbaijan's economy is mainly driven by oil and gas sector, comprising 76% of total GHG emissions of the country. Thus, the mitigation targets envisaged and committed under Azerbaijan's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions are mainly targeted to that sector, which has no relation with the territory of Nagorno Karabakh.

It is important to mention that the population of Nagorno Karabakh is receiving its energy supply from the local hydropower plants and partially supplied from the joint electrical grid.