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Mr. Chair,

We understand that the delegation of Azerbaijan for obvious reasons feels quite uncomfortable when my delegation is raising matters relating to such crimes as providing financial and logistical support to foreign terrorist fighters or any other crime falling within the mandate of the CCPCJ.

But I should mention that it is the right and duty of Armenia as a responsible member of the international community to ring the bell and caution the international community and member states about the new and evolving crimes, which we have experienced, with a view to undertake thorough analysis of the modalities of such evolving crimes and modus operandi of criminals and to strengthen and improve our national and international mechanisms for better prevention and countering of such crimes.

Mr. Chair,

Now, referring to the 5 points mentioned by the Azerbaijani delegation, indeed, Armenian authorities stated that there is nothing in the 5-point proposal to which Armenia would object, but they also emphasized that those proposals are not comprehensive and do not encompass the whole spectrum of issues, addressing which is prerequisite for a comprehensive peace in our region.

Furthermore, the Government of Armenia in its turn forwarded to Azerbaijan a 6-point proposal. Among other things, the Armenian side stressed that guaranteeing the security of the Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh, respecting their rights and freedoms, as well as determination of the final status of the Nagorno-Karabakh are fundamental elements of any normalization process.

Armenia also reiterated its readiness to start negotiations for the normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan based on the UN Charter, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the

Helsinki Final Act, and conducted with the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

During the last trilateral meeting in Brussels between the Prime Minister of Armenia, president of Azerbaijan and the EU Council President, the sides agreed that all the proposals by both sides will be the basis for negotiations on normalization of relations with the aim to reach a comprehensive peace in our region.

We hope that Azerbaijan will genuinely engage in the negotiations based on those principles and will stop relying on the use of force for the settlement of the dispute.

Thank you Mr. Chair