



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
1114<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Council,  
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*on Human Dimension Implementation Meeting*

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan would like to add its voice to those who are dissatisfied with the Human Dimension Meetings and in particular Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. In fact our Delegation does not participate at HDIM on the senior level since 2005, since we have already lost any confidence in the possibility of a dialogue at this meeting. These meetings have been transformed into finger pointing exercise and we see no added value in them.

In addition to that, it is been already for the third year in a row that among the participants of the HDIM there are representatives who are propagating separatism, especially those NGOs that are registered in some OSCE participating States. Despite our objections to ODIHR that this type of statements should not be allowed and the OSCE platform may not be abused by separatists in order to proclaim their activities, as well as to mobilize support, ODIHR has not been able so far to give a meaningful response to our claims. Current situation makes clear that there is something substantially wrong with this event.

We proceed from the understanding that it is in the interest of the OSCE to review the agenda and modalities, as well as procedures that are available now. This is an intergovernmental organization and it is in the hands of Governments to allow a meaningful dialogue. We should not be led by those forces who wish to misuse this structure. Currently there is no dialogue at this biggest event in the human dimension, which we find regretful.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson