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17 June 2015: the European Climate diplomacy day Joint Statement of the Delegation of the European Union and the European Union member states

The European Union community in Armenia celebrates the European climate diplomacy day and stress the importance of the next climate change negotiations – COP 21 - to be held in Paris, France, in less than 200 days, in December 2015.

COP 21 will be key to reach a sustainable, dynamic, universal and legally binding agreement on climate designed by all and applicable to all beyond 2020, to limit global warming to a maximum of 2°C.

Climate change is a non-traditional, risk-multiplying threat with a broad strategic dimension. In various parts of the world, climate change will have increasing security impacts, many of which will flow from economic and social impacts. Key risks with possible implications for human and national security include water scarcity, food crises, natural disasters, and displacement.

Climate change affects us all: collectively, individually, politically and economically, strong Greenhouse gas (GHG) emitters, as well as “small” GHG emitters. The involvement of all stakeholders is crucial.

Actions to be taken and measures to be implemented to adapt and mitigate to climate change needs a clear leadership on this issue at the institutional level, effective and constructive dialogue with the civil society, and the concrete commitment of the private sector to expand activity, growth and job while limiting environmental impact as well as GHG emissions.

The involvement of all parties is essential to build the “Paris Alliance”. The European community in Armenia strongly welcomes Armenia’s involvement in the Conference of Parties, and its commitment in the preparation of COP21.

Today, almost 40 developed and emerging countries have submitted their Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC). The EU was the first one that tabled at the beginning of this year its ambitious contribution of reaching at least 40 % domestic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990. The European community in Armenia encourages the submission of its INDC as early as possible before December 2015, with the support of the European Union and the United Nations.

The European community strongly supports the continuation and deepening of the collective effort to identify the most tailored measures to ensure Armenia’s sustainable development and combat climate change.

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