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Visit of Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, to Strasbourg. 06-07 May 2008

Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, attended the 118th Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe held in Strasbourg on 7 May 2008.

While addressing the Committee he focused on the unresolved conflicts, particularly the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno Garabagh region of the latter, as the most challenging problems facing Europe. He made it clear that without just solution of these conflicts on the basis of the principles of international law, particularly with respect to the principle of territorial integrity of CoE Member states, neither sustainable peace and stability nor the economic prosperity in the whole region could be achieved.

The day preceding the Session, meetings were held between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan and Armenia vis-à-vis as well as with participation of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs. It was decided to continue peace talks as the potential for negotiations had not been exhausted yet.

On 7 May, the Minister E. Mammadyarov addressed the audience of the reception organised by the Azerbaijani Permanent Representation on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the former President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev. Among the attendees were the permanent representatives to the Council of Europe, high level officials of the Organisation as well as the Azerbaijani students studying in Strasbourg and Diaspora members.