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I absolutely reinforce this message and we have a submission on this issue which got ministerial approval.

Can I just mention one thing – [redacted] our primary role should be to help Turkey and Armenia address together their tragic joint history and find a common understanding in the spirit of truth and reconciliation. In my view it is very important that we do not give the impression that we deny what happened in 1915 and this was one of the core arguments in the submission.

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No need to decline. Our Ambassador and Minister for Europe have actually attended the Genocide Museum in Yerevan, and I am sure HMA Yerevan will be attending a similar event in April in Armenia. Of course, we do not recognise the events as genocide, so we will need to send some briefing through about this. I also believe that Lebanon is home to quite a large Armenian diaspora, many of whom descendants of those who survived the Armenian Massacres. If HMA Beirut is inclined to go, given the significant Armenian population in Lebanon I would encourage him to as it continues to build the message that while [redacted] we still consider them to be truly dreadful and in need of remembrance.

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A quick question. HMA Beirut's been invited to a commemorative evening dedicated to the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on 10 April at the Armenian Embassy. I'm assuming we politely decline but grateful for guidance.

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