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STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AFTER THE
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

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Mr. Chair,

I thank the Kyrgyz ambassador for his update to the Permanent Council.

Norway has taken note of the unrest in Kyrgyzstan after the parliamentary elections on 4 October. The unrest seems to have been a result of people's distrust in the fairness of the elections. In particular, vote buying have been heavily criticised, also by trustworthy sources.

Norway is concerned with the reports of injured protestors, including reports of fatalities, and call upon the Kyrgyz authorities and all representatives of the security forces to ensure that any action taken are in line with our common human right commitments.

We note the resignation of president Jeenbekov and urge all the representatives and leadership of the different blocs and parties to do their utmost to secure a peaceful solution to the situation, fully in line with the country's laws and international obligations.

We urge Kyrgyz authorities to heed the advice of the ODIHR recommendations based on their election observation mission. This will ensure an outcome in line with the will of the people of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Thank you

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