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EU statement on the decision on spending authority for the OSCE Centre in Bishkek

The EU welcomes the decision to release up to € 200.000 from the Contingency Fund in order to initiate emergency support by the Centre.

The EU fully agrees with the assessment that the Contingency Fund was established for exactly this kind of emergency situation, and we are satisfied to see again that the OSCE can act without delay when there is political will.

The EU believes that the Centre in Bishkek has played and will continue to play an important role in contributing to the stabilisation of the still volatile situation in Kyrgyzstan. We commend the Centre for its rapid reaction in co-operation with the Kyrgyz authorities, the Chairmanship and the Secretariat and look forward to seeing the proposed activities implemented in close co-operation with other international organizations.