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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
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REPORT TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE
CENTRE IN BISHKEK, AMBASSADOR TESORIERE
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

Canada would also like to join others in warmly welcoming Ambassador Tesoriere back to the Permanent Council.

Ambassador Tesoriere, your great efforts to advance OSCE principles and commitments and their implementation in Kyrgyzstan are well known and deserve our appreciation and support. The OSCE Centre in Bishkek has been working very effectively on the ground to monitor and provide very informative reports on the fast-breaking situation on the ground in Kyrgyzstan. These efforts demonstrate the valuable and relevant contributions made by the OSCE Centre during this crisis.

Following recent events, Kyrgyzstan is at an important juncture, Canada believes the people of Kyrgyzstan and the provisional government should embrace this opportunity to strengthen their democracy, and enhance the rule of law and respect for human rights.

The challenges you have outlined underline a pivotal time for Kyrgyzstan – and also for the OSCE. It is our view that the OSCE has performed very well in responding to the recent crisis and it is important that OSCE institutions continue to play a positive role in this fragile process. We welcome the recent missions of the High Commissioner on National Minorities and ODIHR to Kyrgyzstan. It is critical that the OSCE Institutions work hand-in-hand at this critical juncture.

The OSCE Chairmanship's rapid reaction to the crisis is to be highly commended. As we are discussing within the Corfu Process, the CiO has many tools to draw upon from the OSCE Secretariat and institutions. We are witnessing that when there is the political will, the tools we have work fine.

We recognize and support the OSCE's important role in promoting security and stability throughout the OSCE region. Canada hopes that the OSCE's assessment and recommendations will be used constructively as a basis for a serious renewal of the way public administration, elections and government structures are organised in the future. Canada looks forward to working with the OSCE and the people of Kyrgyzstan to further strengthen their democratic institutions.

We have noted from news reports that the situation of borders closure, including in the enclaves, could exacerbate the tension. Could you please elaborate a little more on this subject and share your views on what could possibly done by the OSCE on the subject?

Ambassador Tesoriere, you concluded your report by outlining the Centre 10 operational priorities, to which we fully subscribe. We appreciate your vision and we look forward to a strong and continued exchange with you, your team and with Kyrgyzstan.

Thank you.