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AT THE MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the statement by the European Union regarding the act of
terrorism in Grozny**

Mr. Chairperson,

We are sincerely touched by the words of condolence expressed in connection with the terrorist act carried out in Grozny on 30 August. According to the information available to us, the explosions in the capital of the Chechen Republic resulted in the death of 9 persons, including 7 police officers and 1 official of the Ministry of Emergency Situations, and in injuries to 20 persons. The President of the Russian Federation ordered a thorough investigation of what happened and called for the victims and the families of those killed to be given all the necessary assistance.

We are in full agreement with the view expressed that there can be no justification for such evil deeds. It is our hope that the persons involved in these crimes will soon be found and brought to the justice.

It is clear that only if we work together shall we be able to counter the threats posed by terrorists. We hope that in combating this evil Russia will always be able to count on the help and assistance of all the OSCE participating States.

Thank you for your attention.