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**Statement by the delegation of Kazakhstan to the OSCE
in response to the statements of the European Union, the United States of
America and the Russian Federation on terrorist attack in Taraz
at the 888th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
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Dear Mr. Chairperson, dear colleagues,

The delegation of the Kazakhstan sincerely thanks the delegations of the European Union, the United States of America and the Russian Federation for their statements and condolences expressed to the families and relatives of innocent victims of a gunman attack in the southern city of Kazakhstan - Taraz.

Allow me to inform you all that the attacker in Taraz is a 34-year-old man, identified by the prosecutor's office as Maksat Kariyev, a follower of Jihadism, shot dead two officers of the National Security Committee, two police officers, and two civilians, and injured three other police officers before being caught by a police captain. He then blew up a bomb, killing himself and one more police officer who tried to apprehend him.

A criminal investigation was launched following the crime under Criminal Code articles "Terrorism" and "Murder". In order to fully investigate the incident, a special inter-agency investigative group headed by Minister of Internal Affairs Kalmukhanbet Kasymov, has been set up.

President Nursultan Nazarbayev ordered a thorough investigation of a November 12 attack by a gunman who killed seven people in Taraz, as the Head of state chaired the Council meeting on the issues of combating religious extremism and terrorism on November 14 with top law enforcement and national security officials.

The President expressed deep condolences to the families and relatives of the victims of the crimes committed by a member of the jihadist movement and promised them full support of the Government and stated (I quote) "The state has all resources and opportunities to suppress any manifestation of terrorism that is committed against Kazakhstan".

The Head of the State set the task before the officials to determine the reasons of the tragedy. The President also said the fallen law enforcement officers, who have demonstrated true heroism, will be awarded state awards. He also called upon the public to be vigilant and join the fight against terrorism.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan issued a Statement on the said tragic event, which I quote: “We express our profound and sincere condolences to the relatives of the officers of the law-enforcement forces of Kazakhstan who were killed in line of the duty in Taraz.

We strongly condemn these crimes and declaim against any forms of terrorism and extremism. The countries of the region and the international community should reinforce cooperative measures in combating any manifestation of these crimes” (end of quote).

The Delegation of Kazakhstan does not doubt the competency and professionalism of the law enforcement agencies as they had already managed to prevent a series of previous terrorist attacks and apprehended large number of members of terrorist groups. We will keep participating States informed on the investigation of this terror attack.

Thank you.