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THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
TO THE OSCE AT THE 948th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Regarding the explosions in Boston

Madam Chairperson,

On behalf of the Republic of Belarus we should also like to express our sincere condolence to the American people, its Government and our American colleagues in connection with the tragic events in Boston on 15 April and in the town of West on 17 April 2013, which have caused injury, death and suffering.

In connection with the events in Boston, particular concern and sorrow are occasioned by the fact that the persons targeted by the perpetrators of these barbaric explosions were ordinary, defenceless people, including women and children, who were taking part in a traditional sporting event, the Boston marathon. A festive sporting event was transformed as a result into a tragedy.

Belarus resolutely condemns any manifestations of violence, including terrorism and radical extremism, and fully supports international anti-terrorist efforts, including those within the framework of the OSCE.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.