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AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Regarding the situation in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Chairperson,

Russia is carefully following the difficult process of stabilization of the situation in Kyrgyzstan. It is clear that the interim government has not as yet managed to overcome all the difficulties and eliminate the sources of tension. We cannot therefore rule out the possibility of fresh inter-ethnic clashes. This being the case, we call on the Kyrgyz authorities to act decisively and suppress any fresh attempts by provocateurs to stir up inter-ethnic discord in the country.

The leadership of the Russian Federation is holding regular consultations with the leaders of other States regarding the events taking place in Kyrgyzstan. A few days ago the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sergey Lavrov, spoke on the telephone with his Kazakh and American counterparts, Mr. Kanat Saudabayev and Mrs. Hillary Clinton. During their conversations, a similarity was noted in their approaches to resolving the Kyrgyz crisis.

In particular, the importance was stressed of holding a referendum on the draft of a new constitution for the normalization of the situation in Kyrgyzstan and its return to a legal framework. The need for further targeted humanitarian assistance for the country as a most important measure of support for Kyrgyzstan on the part of the international community was also noted.

We call on the interim government to do all it can to restore order and increase its authority. For our part, Russia intends to continue to assist the Kyrgyz authorities in satisfying humanitarian needs and providing technical assistance and advice. In the current situation we believe that this kind of support is the most appropriate and in line with the requests by the Kyrgyz Republic.

Thank you for your attention.