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**In response to the statement by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic,
Ms. Roza Otunbayeva**

Your Excellency, Madam President,
Distinguished Roza Isakovna,

For us it is a great honour to welcome you to this hall. We are extremely grateful to you for having found the time, despite your heavy workload, to share with us your assessments of the situation in Kyrgyzstan and the outlook for co-operation with the OSCE.

Since April of last year, the subject of Kyrgyzstan has without exaggeration been one of the most often discussed subjects in the OSCE. The dramatic events that took place in the Republic left almost no one unmoved. Not one of the participating States – and unfortunately this does not happen very often in this Organization – called into question the need to involve the OSCE in the effort to stabilize the situation in the Republic. We should note that the actions taken by the Permanent Council and by the Kazakh Chairmanship were quite rapid, decisive and consistent. In this way, the OSCE was able to provide important moral and political support to the Provisional Government and made the contribution it could to the restoration of order in the Republic.

We hope that our Organization will continue to provide Kyrgyzstan with the assistance it needs in various areas. This help must be aimed at solving those tasks that the leadership of Kyrgyzstan has placed before the country and must meet the real needs of the Republic. This has to do, first and foremost, with backing the stabilization processes in the country and with promoting strategic reform. I want to emphasize this point once again: OSCE assistance must be assistance that is genuinely needed by Kyrgyzstan and must be delivered in close co-operation with the host authorities according to their wishes and recommendations. Any attempts to “get ahead of things” and to impose advice or projects that do not take into account the actual situation and the difficult period through which the country is passing can merely once again unbalance the situation and produce the opposite effect.

It is precisely by this principle of the priority importance of the interests of Kyrgyzstan that Russia is guided in the discussion of questions of this kind in the OSCE and

in other forums, where it closely co-ordinates its approaches with Bishkek. In Vienna we have established a close working relationship with the Kyrgyz delegation and are engaged in an exchange of views on a broad range of issues, something that we value very highly.

In Russia we welcome the bold and well-considered steps taken by the Kyrgyz leadership to implement a large-scale programme of democratic reforms, to advance the cause of national reconciliation, to restore trust between the various ethnic groups and to combat organized criminality and corruption.

The country's leadership has been forced to tackle these tasks in a difficult socio-economic situation further complicated by the intense political struggle on the eve of the presidential elections. The future course in the development of the country will largely depend on the results of those elections. It is important that the political forces of the Republic should approach this critical event in a responsible manner, without overstepping the bonds of legality, tolerance and common sense as they compete with each other during the election campaign. The results of the elections must contribute to further stabilization in the country and to the solution of its urgent problems in the interests of the people of Kyrgyzstan.

Russia intends to continue to make available assistance in solving the socio-economic problems confronting the Republic. For example, over recent months alone we have made available to the fraternal country of Kyrgyzstan, at no charge, considerable financial assistance and have delivered a sizeable amount of fuel and lubricants along with several thousand tons of humanitarian goods.

What future awaits the Republic will depend in the first instance on its citizens. We hope that Kyrgyzstan will, with honour and dignity, overcome this difficult period in its history and will deal successfully with the complex political, economic and social challenges facing it. We, for our part, will provide it, as it goes about this task, with all necessary assistance both within the framework of our bilateral relations and through the mechanisms of multilateral integration structures.

Esteemed Roza Isakovna,

We believe in your sound leadership of the Republic and in the wisdom of the Kyrgyz people, motivated as they are by the determination to rise to the occasion and to overcome the threats and challenges with which Kyrgyzstan is confronted.

Thank you for your attention.