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AT THE 858th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding the terrorist act in the Minsk metro**

Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of Tajikistan associates itself with the words of condolence addressed to Belarus by the delegations of the participating States. In this connection, we should like to inform you that on 12 April 2011 the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, sent a telegram of condolence to the President of the Republic of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, saying the following:

“Dear Alexander Grigoryevich,

I am deeply saddened by the news of the barbaric explosion in the Minsk metro, as a result of which innocent citizens have been killed or injured.

It is with a feeling of deep indignation that we resolutely condemn this act of violence and express our solidarity with the efforts to eradicate this terrible evil of our century – terrorism. Tajikistan has always been a strong supporter of the consolidation of efforts to combat this abhorrent phenomenon.

I would ask you, Alexander Grigoryevich, to convey our deep condolences and expression of sympathy to the families and friends of the dead and injured.”

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.