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On the situation in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Chairperson,

Russia is continuing to follow closely the unfolding of the situation in Kyrgyzstan. We consider it extremely important to prevent a continuation of the violence, to avoid fresh human casualties, to restore law and order and to return society to its normal daily routines.

Our expectation is that common sense will prevail among the Kyrgyz politicians and that a way out of the tragic situation that has arisen will be found. What has happened in that country is deeply regrettable and tragic, and the responsibility for it lies primarily with the authorities themselves.

What is important now is to prevent the real danger of the country disintegrating into two parts – the north and the south. We believe that, given this situation, all the forces currently present in Kyrgyzstan must recognize their responsibility to their people and to their State.

As rightly noted by the President of Russia, conflicts of this kind give rise to the most fertile breeding ground for radicals, thereby threatening to turn Kyrgyzstan into a second Afghanistan.

Russia for its part is prepared to make available all possible assistance in order to prevent events from developing in this way.

We welcome the efforts of Mr. Zhanybek Karibzhanov, the special envoy of the Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE, who has already embarked on his responsible mission of creating the necessary conditions for the start of an internal political dialogue. We regard as timely the decision of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to dispatch yet another representative of Kazakhstan, Mr. Adil Akhmetov, as his special envoy.

We read with interest the report circulated among the participating States regarding Mr. Karibzhanov's working meetings in Bishkek. We have no doubt but that the co-ordinated steps being taken by the representatives of such authoritative international organizations as

the United Nations, the OSCE, the European Union and the Collective Security Treaty Organization will prove useful in rapidly overcoming the consequences of the crisis situation that has arisen. This is in effect the first successful experiment in interaction by international structures in an effort to assist in the resolution of conflict situations in the post-Soviet space. It is our hope that the lessons in dialogue that will be learned will prove useful.

The practical results of the actions of the Kazakh Chairmanship, which once again clearly show that the OSCE has at its disposal, especially at the level of the Chairmanship, the necessary levers for effectively promoting a settlement, are there for all to see. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. New and especially non-consensus mechanisms are not needed in our Organization. All that is required is the active use of the crisis-management potential that already exists.

We urge that in the future as well any measures of assistance on the part of the international agencies, including the OSCE, be closely co-ordinated with the Kyrgyz side, without any attempts to impose political arrangements of any kind. The situation today is extremely complex and volatile, with the real possibility of the country fragmenting as a result of the events that have taken place there. We all need to act as effectively and responsibly as possible so as to assist in returning the political process to normality as soon as possible and to create the conditions to enable Kyrgyzstan to return to a situation of stable development.

In this connection we wish once again to restate our doubts as to the timeliness of the plans for the dispatch to the Republic of experts from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. We take the view that the involvement of that OSCE institution should be discussed only after the scheduling of the elections has been announced and only after a proper examination of this question by the Permanent Council.

Thank you for your attention.