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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY YVES BEAULIEU, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
ON KYRGYZSTAN
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to express its great appreciation to you, and to your Minister, the Chairman-in-Office for their extraordinary efforts on the very important and delicate issue of the situation in Kyrgyzstan.

We would also like to welcome the presentation by the Kyrgyz delegation.

We would also like to salute the OSCE staff, particularly those in the field, who we know have worked without much rest in the past six months.

We continue to encourage the interim administration's efforts to restore peace and stability and to promote inter-ethnic tolerance and we believe, as did the previous speakers, that the Police Advisory Group could contribute to this positive effect.

Canada was pleased that the recent parliamentary elections held in Kyrgyzstan were widely judged to be free and fair, and that they unfolded peacefully. We welcome efforts by the interim administration to move forward with establishing a democratic government founded on internationally recognized principles of human rights, including political pluralism.

Canada continues to believe in the importance of a full and transparent investigation into the events of last June. We welcome and encourage Kyrgyzstan's decision to accept and work closely with the international commission of inquiry. We look forward to its conclusion.

Thank you.