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Statement on the Earthquake in Turkey

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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We have been following reports of the earthquake in Turkey's eastern province of Van with great concern. On behalf of the American people, I'd like to express our deepest condolences to the people of Turkey in the wake of the earthquake. Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and families of those killed and injured, as well as with the brave men and women who are working to bring assistance to this stricken region.

The United States stands ready to assist in the effort to rescue survivors and support the people of Turkey as they recover and rebuild. We have been in touch with the Turkish authorities to offer all possible assistance in this regard.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.