



Canadian Delegation to the OSCE
Statement to the Permanent Council
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Condolences on the Beslan Tragedy

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

At the conclusion of last week's crisis in Beslan, Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin expressed, on behalf of all Canadians, condolences to the families victimized by these terrible events and outrage at the barbaric acts of terrorism and by the unbelievable cruelty of hostage-takers firing on fleeing children.

In response, Canada announced Monday a contribution of \$100,000 CAD to be channeled to families affected by the crisis through UNICEF and the ICRC.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.