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DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND AT THE MEETING OF THE  
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**In response to the report by Ambassador Pryakhin,  
outgoing Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan**

Madam Chairperson,

The Swiss delegation welcomes Ambassador Pryakhin and thanks him for his comments.

On behalf of Switzerland, I should like to thank him and his team for their valuable work. We are pleased that the security situation in the region has improved considerably during his time as head of mission and that the OSCE has been able to make progress, especially in such areas as civil society, border management and reform of the justice system.

Our embassy (with its headquarters in Astana and an office in Dushanbe) and the Co-operation Office of the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation (with its headquarters in Dushanbe) have always greatly valued the co-operation with the OSCE mission in Tajikistan, thanks in part to Mr. Pryakhin. We wish the new head of mission every success and are convinced that we will find opportunities for joint projects in the future as well.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.