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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY YVES BEAULIEU, CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES
UNDER CURRENT ISSUES
777TH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
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Thank You Madame

Canada notes that despite the allegations of procedural irregularities, the vehicular manslaughter conviction and sentencing of Yevgeniy Zhovits, Head of the non-governmental organization, Human Rights Bureau, was upheld at his appeal hearing on 20 October in Kazakhstan.

Canada encourages the Republic of Kazakhstan to continue to work to bring its judiciary to international and OSCE standards, and we stand side by side with Kazakhstan in this important endeavour.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our condolences to the car accident victim's family.

Thank You