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TO THE OSCE, AT THE MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairman,

We express our deep regret at the death on 22 December 2009 of Mr. Gennady Pavlyuk, a well known figure in Kyrgyz journalistic circles, in the city of Almaty, the southern capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

At the present time the identity of the persons who murdered the journalist has not been established. The Office of the Prosecutor General of Kyrgyzstan has been officially notified of this fact by the chief supervisory organ of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Acting on the basis of this fact, the department of internal affairs of the district of Almali in the city of Almaty has instituted criminal proceedings under part 1, article 24, of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan "attempted murder".

On 11 January a special investigative group made up of officials from the internal affairs departments of Kazakhstan under the direction of Mr. Amantay Aubakirov, the Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs, visited the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek. There he held meetings with Mr. Sabyrbek Kurmanaliyev, the first Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, and with the first Deputy Prosecutor General, during which an agreement was reached to conduct joint investigations into the murder of Mr. Pavlyuk.

On the Kyrgyz side, for the purpose of implementing the agreements reached, an investigative group was set up consisting of officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Office of the Prosecutor General.

As of today, the joint investigative efforts of the team from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan regarding this crime are continuing.

As soon as fresh information on this crime is received, we shall provide the Permanent Council with further information.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.