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**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BELARUS TO THE OSCE AT THE 979th (SPECIAL)
MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Regarding the terrorist attacks in Volgograd

Mr. Chairperson,

We should like to offer our deep condolences to our Russian colleagues in connection with the terrorist attacks that occurred in Volgograd on 29 and 30 December.

We express sincere words of compassion and support to the families and loved ones of the victims and wish a speedy recovery to all those who were injured.

We hope that the perpetrators and persons responsible for this crime will receive just punishment.

The Republic of Belarus roundly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We are in favour of stepping up our collective efforts to counter this evil.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.