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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN
TO THE OSCE

Statement

**by the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE
Ambassador Nuriddin Shamsov at the 809th Permanent Council
Meeting (Vienna, 13 May 2010)**

*Recent disaster and heavy floods
in Tajikistan*

Chairperson,

My Delegation informs with regret that as a result of natural disaster, including continued heavy rains and floods that hit Khatlon province of Tajikistan, a huge damage has been caused in the economy, social infrastructure and population of Tajikistan. At least 40 people have been died, 300 injured and 33 are still missing.

According to Tajikistan Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense figures, the devastating aftermath of recent strong flooding in Tajikistan since early 2010 has destroyed completely or seriously damaged 4787 houses, 78 schools and kindergartens, 19 hospitals, 27 socio-cultural facilities, 424 km roads, 130 bridges, 130 km power, 64 km communication, 59 km coastal protection and 221 km irrigation lines, as well as 14 water and waste pumping stations and 15 livestock farms. More than 3098 head of livestock were lost and 38 000 hectares of farm fields have been ravaged by the flow of debris.

Government of Tajikistan estimates that the mudslides and floods have caused more than USD\$ 600 million-worth of damage in the national economy.

The situation is worsening due to inaccessibility of some affected areas for first aid and emergency works. Rescue works face scarcity of construction materials, machinery, rolling metal, fuel, food, medicines, camps, mobile power generators and other provisions and commodities.

Government of Tajikistan is making every effort to continue emergency works and rehabilitation in affected provinces in southern part of the Country. Taking note the wide scale of disaster and current critical humanitarian situation raised in Tajikistan, Government of Tajikistan requests the OSCE and Participating States to provide possible support to complete rescue works in the hit area of the Country.

I thank you Chairperson,