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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY
UNDER CURRENT ISSUES
ON THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN EGYPT
882ND MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
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Mr. Chairperson;

Canada wishes to underscore its deep concern about the recent violence in Egypt. On behalf of all Canadians, we offer our condolences to the families of the victims.

Religious extremism has no place in modern society and the new Egypt. Canada urges all involved to work together to build a society where religious communities can live and prosper together and build a new Egypt.

Freedom of religion is a fundamental human right and a vital building block for healthy democracies. People of faith must be able to practise and worship in peace and security.

Thank you