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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF KYRGYZSTAN  
AT THE MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairman,

Our delegation welcomes the statement by the Ambassador of Tajikistan regarding the declaration of a moratorium on the death penalty. We support the measures in that country to “humanize” criminal law.

In Kyrgyzstan, as in Tajikistan, major reforms are being carried out in this area, something about which we have spoken twice recently in the Permanent Council. I should like to recall that in our country a moratorium on the death penalty has existed for six years since 1998 and was once again extended this year until 31 December 2004 by decree of the Head of State.

We should like to hope that the steps taken in our country to liberalize criminal law will bear the expected fruits and will allow us to change the existing system of criminal punishment and adapt it to international standards.

Thank you for your attention.