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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE AT THE  
1106th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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France aligns itself with the statement by the European Union and would like to make some comments in its national capacity. It is particularly concerned at the arrest of the French-Turkish journalist and correspondent for Reporters Without Borders Erol Önderoğlu and of the journalist and writer Ahmet Nesin and the President of the Human Rights Foundation of Turkey Şebnem Korur Fincancı.

We should like to point out that Mr. Önderoğlu has been working constructively for several years with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Ms. Dunja Mijatović.

France recalls the importance it attaches to freedom of expression and freedom of the press throughout the world. It supports the work carried out independently by non-governmental human rights organizations like Reporters Without Borders.