

Spanish Presidency of the European Union**OSCE Permanent Council No. 818
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The EU would like to reiterate its appreciation to the CiO and to Special Envoy Karibzhanov, as well as the Secretary General and the OSCE staff for their special efforts on this challenging issue.

We continue to be concerned about the fragility of the overall situation as well as current security challenges and rumours about renewed risks of destabilisation, especially in the run-up to the referendum.

We therefore reiterate that the situation in Kyrgyzstan requires a mobilization of the OSCE capabilities in full. It is imperative that we respond without further delay, on the basis of the statement on the situation in Kyrgyzstan adopted by the Permanent Council on 15th June.

We appreciate the clear statement of the Kyrgyz provisional government welcoming international assistance. We welcome the

deployment of a Needs Assessment Mission as a first step to have a clear picture of how further assistance can be best provided.

In this context, we welcome the Concept Paper circulated by the Chairmanship, which sets out plans to enhance the capabilities of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek and to deploy a Police Task Force.

We would also like to reiterate that the EU would also welcome other areas of assistance, for example those envisaged in our joint statement last week, such as border management and reconciliation activities, especially through the work of the HCNM.

In conclusion we would like to reiterate our appeal to all political actors in Kyrgyzstan to join efforts to build democratic institutions in Kyrgyzstan, notably through the referendum on a new constitution and early elections as announced by the provisional government. This process represents the best chance to ensure peace, institutional stability, open dialogue, rule of law and democracy for the people of Kyrgyzstan.

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