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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY YVES BEAULIEU, CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES
ON THE KILLING OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN CHECHNYA
772ND MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
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Canada is deeply concerned by the kidnapping and brutal killing of Chechen activists Zarema Sadulayeva and her husband Alik Dzhabrailov outside of Grozny. We strongly condemn the despicable murders of these humanitarian workers, which come so soon after the senseless killing of Natalia Estemirova, another human rights defender working in Chechnya.

Ms. Sadulayeva, who was the head of the children's charity Save the Generation, worked along with her husband, to help children affected by violence. Canada extends its full support to those who work to advocate for positive change even when it means putting themselves at risk. Everyone has the right to the lawful exercise of his or her occupation or profession. We join our voice to all those calling for an end to these killings and urge Russia to ensure that prompt and impartial investigations are made into the case of these murders.