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STATEMENT BY NORWAY ON UZBEKISTAN

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Mr. Chairman,

Norway also welcomes ODIHR's report on monitoring of the trials held in connection with the tragic Andijan events. We commend ODIHR for the efforts made to produce this comprehensive report with its conclusions and recommendations. Norwegian authorities will study the report carefully and we reserve our right to come back to this issue at a later stage.

Norway underscores the need for a constructive dialogue between Uzbekistan and the international community on the Andijan events. We do hope that the dialogue that has taken place between ODIHR and Uzbek authorities regarding the report, and the comments by Uzbekistan attached to the report, can lead to an improvement in the cooperation between Uzbekistan and the OSCE towards the aim of achieving OSCE standards.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman