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At

***A 813. (Special) Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council on the situation in
Kyrgyzstan***

Monday, 14 June 2010

Mr. Chairman,

The UN is grateful for this opportunity to take the floor. Let me join the other speakers and express our condolences to the relatives of the victims of the recent tragic events in the South of Kyrgyzstan.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to commend the OSCE, notably the Chairmanship and the High Commissioner on National Minorities for the timely convening of this special meeting of the Permanent Council following the letter of the HCNM, who, as a conflict prevention mechanism of the OSCE has issued an early warning on the situation in Kyrgyzstan and has brought it to the attention of the Permanent Council.

I would like to inform you of the following points:

The SG has expressed his alarm at the scale of inter-ethnic clashes and humanitarian catastrophe in southern Kyrgyzstan. In his telephone call to the OSCE Chairman-in-Office he voiced deep concern about the renewed violence in Kyrgyzstan and the rising number of dead, displaced persons and refugees.

The SG calls for calm to be restored and urges all involved to show the utmost restraint to prevent further loss of life. He reiterates the need to respect the rule of law and to resolve issues peacefully through dialogue. He urges the Interim Government to pay particular attention to inter-ethnic relations in the country and to take measures to ensure the peaceful coexistence of all citizens in Kyrgyzstan.

The SG in his contact with the OSCE Chairman-in-Office has agreed that their respective Special Envoys would coordinate a response to the crisis, together with the EU.

SG's envoy, SRSG Jenca, Head of the UNRCCA has arrived in Kyrgyzstan to assess the situation. He works in close cooperation with the OSCE, notably with the Special Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office Mr. Karibzhanov and with the Special Envoy of the EU. He also closely cooperates with envoys and representatives of regional organizations such as CSTO, SCO, and of UN and OSCE countries e.g. Russia (Mr. Rushailo).

The SG is in contact with members of the UNSC, with countries of the region and with the authorities of Kyrgyzstan – a telephone communication with the Interim President Ms Rosa Otunbaeva is envisaged today.

Finally, as you are aware, a meeting of the Security Council is to take place this afternoon.

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