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United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement of Condolences to Turkey on Recent Terrorist Attacks

As delivered by Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, Damian Leader
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On behalf of the government and people of the United States, I want to express our deepest condolences to the Turkish people, and especially to the families and friends of the 13 Turkish soldiers killed by the PKK on July 14 in Diyarbakir province. The PKK is a terrorist organization that has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Turkish citizens. As Secretary of State Clinton stated last week, "We stand with Turkey ... in its fight against terror and we will continue to work with the Government of Turkey to combat terrorism in all its forms."

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.