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MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Regarding the acts of terrorism in Moscow, Dagestan and Ingushetia

Mr. Chairperson,

Following the statement by the Ambassador of Spain on behalf of the European Union, we should once again like to express our gratitude to the Kazakh Chairmanship and to all the OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation for the words of sympathy and support in connection with the terrorist acts that have taken place in Moscow, Dagestan and Ingushetia and also for their severe condemnation of these crimes.

These terrorist acts in Moscow and in the Northern Caucasus that resonated throughout the world and that claimed as victims scores of peaceful citizens have graphically demonstrated that the terrorists' principal aim is to sow fear in society and destabilize the situation in the country.

We are convinced that there is no way that these attempts can succeed. The measures taken by the Russian leadership to prevent and combat terrorism will be stepped up. What is involved here is a comprehensive solution to the problem, including tasks involving the strengthening of the law enforcement, force and judicial component, the annihilation of the terrorists and the destruction of their hideouts, assistance to those who have decided to sever their ties with these criminals, the finding of solutions to economic, social, educational, cultural and humanitarian problems, and the placing of greater emphasis on the moral and spiritual component.

I should like to report that on 13 April Mr. A. V. Bortnikov, the Chairman of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation, announced that it had been possible to establish the identities of those who carried out and organized the terrorist acts in the Moscow metro and in the city of Kizlyar and to determine the circumstances involved in preparing and committing these crimes. The circle of accomplices has been identified. In concert with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and the Investigative Committee under the Office of the Prosecutor General the necessary operational and investigative measures are being taken.

Mr. Chairperson,

Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations represents one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and any acts of terrorism are crimes and have no justification, regardless of their motives, wherever, whenever and by whomever they are committed.

The need is for even greater co-ordination of our efforts in the international arena. Everything must be done to ensure that the terrorists and those who organize, conceive and pay for terrorist acts can nowhere feel safe. International terrorism can be combated by pooling our efforts on the basis of the decisions that have been taken by the international community, primarily within the United Nations.

Thank you for your attention.