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THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY AT THE 608th MEETING OF THE  
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**Inspection of a specified area in Tajikistan from 15 to 18 March 2010  
under the terms of the Vienna Document 1999**

Mr. Chairperson,

Germany shares the concern of the United Kingdom that the rejection by Tajikistan of the announced inspection is not in conformity with the provisions of the Vienna Document 1999.

Germany takes this opportunity to bring to the attention of this forum a further fact that also gives rise to concern in this connection.

On 9 March 2010, Germany gave notice of its intention to carry out an inspection in Tajikistan under the terms of the Vienna Document. In accordance with paragraph 85.6 of the Vienna Document 1999, the note referred to the need for an overflight using a helicopter or an airplane.

In its note of reply, Tajikistan declined to provide a helicopter or an airplane, citing the following reason:

“Because of technical reasons the inspection cannot be carried out using aircraft.”

During the inspection it emerged that Tajikistan has available to it both helicopters that are ready for operation as well as transport aircraft of the type AN-2, which are also suitable for the inspection of a specified area from the air. In addition, pilot training is provided in the Tajik armed forces.

The consequence of this refusal by Tajikistan to make possible an overflight over a specified area was that this area could be inspected only to an inadequate extent. Even allowing for the fact that in other respects Tajikistan showed itself to be open during the inspection and acted in the spirit of the Vienna Document, this incident provides grounds for concern.

Germany requests Tajikistan to ensure the overflight possibility provided for in the Vienna Document during future inspections. This is also true in particular for the – it is to be hoped – inspection by the United Kingdom, scheduled for the near future.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.