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THE OSCE, AT THE MEETING OF THE OSCE
PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairperson,

Today we have all taken a step forward, a step that we have been waiting for and without which we would not be able to make headway. Much has been done, but even more work still lies ahead.

The complicated first stage is over, namely the stage of difficult consultations in Bishkek and the adoption of a decision on the deployment of an OSCE Police Advisory Group in Kyrgyzstan, as the OSCE's response to the appeal by my Government for assistance to our country.

We commend the prompt action taken by the Organization and its participating States in response to the conflict. Today, the OSCE Permanent Council has proved that it is able to draft consensus-based decisions on difficult issues in the vital interests of human society.

We should like to express the hope that this mission will become part of all our efforts to stabilize the situation and reduce tension in the Kyrgyz Republic. I would not be wrong in saying that many of my colleagues in this hall are of the same opinion.

The Group must carry out its assignment during this four-month period and provide advice and assistance in restoring order, eliminating inter-ethnic tension and achieving accord among the different ethnic groups. It will be a delicate mission. This is a sensitive issue. The population must not perceive this step as interference in their day-to-day lives. Work is currently under way to ensure that the people of Kyrgyzstan understand who will be arriving in their country, in what form, for how long and why. We need to dispel a certain amount of mistrust among the population. This is a difficult task, one might say extremely difficult.

Clear monitoring work, the organization of training sessions, prompt consultations and an exchange of expertise will contribute to the implementation of the OSCE's project to assist the law enforcement agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic. This project has been successfully operating in Kyrgyzstan for over five years.

The OSCE has sufficient experience in this area to strengthen its position in this sphere. We would be grateful if the participating States could share this expertise and therefore this is a chance for them to exchange this expertise. For Kyrgyzstan, and especially for the law enforcement agencies, it will be doubly useful and valuable during this difficult period of the country's development.

It is important that the Police Advisory Group, which we hope will be deployed very soon, should demonstrate a high degree of professionalism, neutrality, impartiality and transparency. The success of this mission will depend on this.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.