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Statement

by the Head of Delegation of Tajikistan to the OSCE Ambassador
Nuriddin Shamsov at the №831 th Plenary Permanent Council Meeting
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*in response to European Union and USA's
statements on Tajikistan*

Mr. Chairman,

We appreciate European Union and USA's attention to the security situation in Tajikistan and would like to inform the Permanent Council Meeting that recently Tajikistan faced unprecedented terrorist attack have been taken in the East of the country by radical Islamists and transnational terrorist group were unhappy with peace and stability in Tajikistan.

On September 19, at 12:30 pm the military convoy of the Ministry of Defense of Tajikistan was ambushed in the Kamarob Gorge in Rasht district, some 250 kilometers east of Dushanbe. The attackers opened fires on a convoy of governmental troops have been sent to deploy in that area. 28 soldiers were killed and several others were wounded.

Tajik law enforcement stated that former radical Islamic opposition's warlords Abdullo Rahimov and Alovuddin Davlatov are behind this terrorist attack attempted to destabilize the situation in eastern Tajikistan. The Defense Ministry stated the gunmen included insurgents from Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as extremists from some other countries also.

Husniddin Davlatov, the brother of Alovuddin Davlatov, stated on the Tajik national TV that he and a number of his supporters carried out the attack. He confirmed that has received order from his brother for

acquisition of uniforms and substances necessary for making explosives several times.

A curfew was introduced in Rasht district on September 20. The curfew is in effect between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am. On September 22, Government of Tajikistan has launched large scale law enforcement operation to neutralize anti-government groups in the Rasht district which were behind the September 19th attack on a military convoy. We state that currently the situation in Gharm valley is stable and under strict control of the Government of Tajikistan.

In light of increasing threat of international terrorism stemming from Afghanistan and rising religious radicalism in the area, we encourage incoming OSCE efforts to provide practical assistance to the Government of Tajikistan to strengthen border management issues and combat violent extremism and radicalization in the society.

Thank you Chairman.