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THE OSCE, AT THE MEETING OF THE  
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Mr. Chairperson,

As we are all aware, in June 2010 the Kyrgyz Republic experienced a series of convulsions unprecedented in its history as a sovereign State in which a large number of people were killed or injured, went missing, lost their homes and were forced to seek a safer place to live.

A whole set of problems resulting in death and injury were identified, in response to which the country's leaders elaborated specific measures to stabilize the situation and reduce tension.

From the very start of these tragic events the work of members of the public prosecutor's office has been aimed at close co-ordination with internal affairs, national security and local State executive bodies and at explaining to the population the stabilizing measures being carried out in the country by the State bodies.

An interdepartmental staff was formed on 16 June 2010 to ensure due co-operation in the work of the investigation groups set up to examine the aftermath of the massive disturbances causing deaths, damage to property and other very serious crimes in the city of Osh and in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken provinces.

Also with a view to preventing violations of the rights of citizens during the special operations, inquiries and investigations, the heads of the law enforcement agencies and authorities were guided by a special decree designed to improve departmental control to ensure observance of the law, professional and military discipline and moral and ethical standards among the staff of the law enforcement agencies and security forces in the field.

The members of the law enforcement authorities were given orders concerning strict observance of the law and the inadmissibility of illegal activities when carrying out their investigations.

They were also instructed to refrain from the nefarious practice of "defending the honour of the uniform" when considering the question of responsibility by offending public

officials. When violations of the law affecting the rights and freedoms of citizens were identified, they were basically to examine the question of responsibility, including criminal prosecution, regardless of the position held by the person concerned.

At the beginning of October this year, the investigation groups had instituted proceedings for 4,540 criminal offences involving 3,647 victims.

Some 291 people have been arrested for the commission of criminal acts, of whom 259 have been detained in custody.

Proceedings have been concluded and passed on to the court for consideration in 119 cases involving 253 defendants.

The investigations are continuing and the work is being carried out with the utmost care.

In conclusion, we should like to point out that all of the activities by the public prosecutor's offices to strengthen the law in Kyrgyzstan are reported in the media.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.