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Regarding the terrorist attack at Domodedovo

Mr. Chairperson,

We should like to express our deep sympathy and support to our Russian colleagues in connection with the terrorist attack on 24 January at Moscow's Domodedovo airport.

In his message to the Russian President, Alexander Lukashenko, the President of the Republic of Belarus, noted that "the news of the explosion at Domodedovo airport, which resulted in numerous casualties, painfully echoed in the hearts of all Belarusians". "On behalf of the fraternal Belarusian people", the head of the Belarusian State expressed "words of sympathy and support for the bereaved families".

The Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned terrorism in all its manifestations and, in its statement, emphasized "the need for a resolute and co-ordinated fight against this outrageous phenomenon of the day".

In this context, as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs pointed out in its statement, "the Republic of Belarus calls on the international community to intensify efforts and, above all, for the CIS member States to co-operate in the investigation and inevitable punishment of those responsible".

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.