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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND AT THE
885th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Regarding the earthquake in Turkey

Mr. Chairperson,

Switzerland, too, extends its condolences to Turkey in connection with last Sunday's destructive earthquake, which claimed many lives. Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Swiss Confederation, expressed her sympathy to Turkish President Abdullah Gül and offered him Switzerland's assistance.

It is very heartening to see that, even three days after the quake, survivors are being rescued from the rubble.

Swiss humanitarian aid is supporting the delivery of tents and other relief supplies. In addition, experts from the federal administration are travelling to the disaster area in order to find out how Switzerland can further help the earthquake victims.