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

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**Regarding the earthquake in Turkey**

Mr. Chairperson,

We associate ourselves with the words of condolence, solidarity and support addressed to our Turkish colleagues in connection with the devastating earthquake that occurred on 23 October in Van province in eastern Turkey.

On behalf of the Belarusian people, the President of the Republic of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, expressed condolences to the President of the Republic of Turkey, Abdullah Gül, and to the families and friends of the dead.

We wish those injured as a result of this natural disaster a speedy recovery and hope that the continuing search and rescue efforts will be able to save more lives.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.