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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY
ON THE ELECTIONS IN KYRGYZSTAN (CURRENT ISSUES)
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Mr. Chairperson:

With respect to the 31 October elections in Kyrgyzstan, Canada welcomes the first peaceful and democratic transfer of power between Presidents in that country. This achievement is especially noteworthy given the short period following the violent events there in April and June last year.

Canada nevertheless encourages the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to continue to consolidate its democracy and good governance, including the strengthening of its electoral process. As noted by the ODIHR/OSCE Parliamentary Election Observation Mission, the latest Kyrgyz elections were not exempt of shortcomings.

Canada urges all parties to respect the results of the ballots cast by the Kyrgyz people.

Canada was pleased to contribute two long term observers to the OSCE's Election Observation Mission in Kyrgyzstan.

Thank you; Merci!