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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION YVES BEAULIEU
CURRENT ISSUES: CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT FOLLOWING FLOODING IN THAILAND
885TH MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(27 OCTOBER 2011)**

Mr. Chairperson,

Canada would like to offer its condolences to the people of Thailand as they cope with rising and devastating floodwaters.

We would like to express profound sympathy to the families and friends of those missing or killed in the recent flooding. Canada is deeply concerned about the well-being of those affected by this disaster. Thailand has a friend in Canada, and we stand with the Thai people during this difficult time.

The Government of Canada has announced its support to the people of Thailand through a \$1-million contribution for humanitarian assistance to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Canada's contribution will help provide clean water, basic medicines and essential household relief items to support those who are most vulnerable in the wake of the extensive flooding.

Canada is in close contact with Thai authorities to determine the impact of the flooding.

Thank you – Merci.