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STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY  
CURRENT ISSUES: EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY  
885<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
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Mr. Chairperson,

Canada wishes to convey its profound sympathies and condolences to the people of Turkey after the powerful earthquake that struck the eastern province of Van, close to the Iranian border.

As Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird underscored (on 23 October 2011):  
“Canada is deeply concerned for the well-being of all those affected by this disaster. Turkey is a friend of Canada; we stand in solidarity with the Turkish people during this difficult time, and we are ready to assist Turkey if and when called upon”.

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