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AT THE 911th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding the terrorist acts in Dagestan**

Mr. Chairperson,

We are grateful to the Chairmanship and all the delegations of OSCE participating States for their expressions of sympathy in connection with the terrorist acts in Dagestan.

On 3 May, late in the evening, an unknown individual set off an explosive device next to a traffic police post located on the outskirts of Makhachkala. When police and rescue workers arrived at the scene of the incident, a passenger minibus parked nearby exploded. In all, 13 persons died as a result of the two terrorist acts, most of them police and rescue workers. Another 109 people suffered various injuries.

This heinous crime was vehemently condemned in Russia and throughout the world. All necessary steps are being taken at present to search for the organizers of the terrorist acts. We are confident that in the near future they will be arrested and severely punished.

The tragedy in Dagestan has once more convincingly reminded us of the ongoing threats posed by terrorists, whatever slogans they may hide behind. Our common task is to strengthen the co-ordinated fight against this common evil.

Thank you for your attention.