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Regarding the situation in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Chairperson,

The recent events in southern Kyrgyzstan, which have dramatically exacerbated the already tense situation in the country, are giving rise to serious concern on our part.

Parts of both Osh and Jalalabad have been destroyed, signs of fire are evident everywhere, and many shops and bazaars have been looted. There is a dire shortage of food and drinking water. The massive exodus of ethnic Uzbeks leaving Kyrgyzstan for Uzbekistan continues.

The leadership of the Russian Federation is in constant contact with the interim government of the Kyrgyz Republic. An active exchange of views is taking place with interested foreign States on the situation in this Central Asian country.

The Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the development of relations with Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Vladimir Rushailo, is currently in Bishkek and is holding consultations with the country's leadership.

Humanitarian aid from Russia has begun to arrive in Kyrgyzstan. On the instructions of President Dmitry Medvedev, three transport planes from the Ministry for Emergency Situations have been dispatched to Bishkek. Aid agencies have sent nearly 130 tons of goods to the Republic in total. This aid mainly takes the form of food supplies such as sugar and tinned meat and fish from the stocks of the Federal State Reserve Agency. Blankets are also being sent to Kyrgyzstan. From Bishkek this aid is sent to the south of the Republic, where the population is in fact on the verge of a humanitarian disaster.

The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) is already providing assistance to Kyrgyzstan on the basis of the procedures set out in CSTO regulatory documents. They stipulate the need for a request by the country concerned and unanimity in the adoption of a decision in response to that request. On the initiative of the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Dmitry Medvedev, who is currently chairing the Collective Security Council, an emergency meeting of all the CSTO members has already taken place at the level of

national security council secretaries. In response to an appeal by the Kyrgyz Government, specific decisions were adopted at that meeting on the provision of logistical support to the law enforcement authorities in Kyrgyzstan so as to enable them to cope with disturbances more effectively and stabilize the situation. Furthermore, decisions were adopted on the provision of assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic in the identification of the instigators of the disturbances and acts of violence, and also decisions concerning joint work in the information field so that the population of Kyrgyzstan sees the consolidated position taken by the CSTO against attempts to inflame inter-ethnic hatred in that country. We trust that these measures will yield results and we shall continue to be guided by the CSTO regulatory documents and the procedures set out in them.

Thank you for your attention.