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GUAM Statement
on the Situation in Uzbekistan
at the 556th Meeting of the Permanent Council
As for delivery by Ambassador V.Yel'chenko

Mr. Chairman,

The GUAM follows with great attention the developments in the Republic of Uzbekistan following the mass disturbances in the city of Andizhan.

In this connection, Mr. Chairman, please allow me to express on behalf of the GUAM our deepest condolences to the families of those killed and wounded.

We are concerned that aggravation of situation in Uzbekistan has unfortunately led to the numerous casualties and sufferings among peaceful civilians.

The GUAM urges all parties to show restraint, refrain from using force and seek peaceful ways of settlement of the situation and hopes that solution to the problems will be found in conformity with the relevant provisions of the national legislation of Uzbekistan as well as international standards in the field of protection of human rights and rule of law.

The GUAM States support the efforts of the international community, in particular the OSCE, with regard to the settlement of the situation in the Republic of Uzbekistan and express their readiness to provide necessary assistance to this friendly country if requested.

Firmly standing for reinforcement of fight against terrorism and extremism, and strengthening of international cooperation in countering these challenges, our countries are convinced that every possibility should be fully exploited to find solution through peaceful means.

Thank you.