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**Statement**  
**by Ambassador Nuriddin Shamslov at the 806th OSCE**  
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*on Emergency Humanitarian Situation in Tajikistan*

**Chairman,**

Delegation of Tajikistan informs Permanent Council Meeting that on April 11-12<sup>th</sup> and 14-15, 2010 as a result of heavy rainfall, landslides and plentiful spring floods hit on southern and eastern parts of Tajikistan, the considerable economic damage has been caused to the civil population, farms and infrastructure of Khatlon province, Kuhistoni Badakhshon Autonomous Region and some areas of the republican submission.

The aftermath of water related disasters caused by Yakhsu and Surkhob rivers are estimated several human losses, demolition of some 609 hectares of lands, destruction of 743 households, 5 social infrastructure facilities, 23 bridges, 11 km of a highway, 6,7 km of coastal constructions and 3 km of power transmission line facilities etc. The total economic damage caused to the country by natural disasters only during March-April, 2010 exceeded 250 million USD. According to the national forecast data, it is expected heavy rains and floods incoming days in abovementioned parts of Tajikistan.

My Delegation states that the situation is deteriorating due to unjustified transport blockade without reasonable motivation imposed since 10 February, 2010 by the authorities of Uzbekistan on Tajik transit railcars

loaded with fuel, food, construction materials and other commercial and humanitarian commodity bound for purposes of southeast and eastern parts of Tajikistan. Currently, the total number of Tajik detained railcars in the territory of neighboring country remains at the level 1186 unit, including more than 660 railcars loaded with fuel, 228 grain and wheat, 78 raw materials for aluminum production, 44 construction materials etc. bound for Khatlon and Kuhistoni Badakhshon the mostly agricultural areas with population more than 3 million. Unfortunately, it makes all efforts taken by the Government of Tajikistan impossible and ineffective toward continuation of emergency works and rehabilitation of hit regions, as well as implementation of the major projects and programs of socio-economic and infrastructure development in that area.

Delegation of Tajikistan stresses that continued attempts of authorities of Uzbekistan to impose transport blockade on two southeast regions of Tajikistan which oriented mainly on farming and agricultural production, provoke further deepening humanitarian crisis and might have unforeseen consequences for population and national infrastructure in that provinces.

Since 2009 Government of Tajikistan continues to make any efforts at all levels to invite Uzbek authorities to negotiate wide scope of bilateral issues, including transit, transport and cross-bordering matters in a fruitful and constructive manner, as well as to find friendly positive approaches and solutions for these problems. We note regrettably, up to the moment Tajik Government has received no response with regard to its numerous requests on the matter.

Taking note current emergency humanitarian situation raised in Tajikistan, we state that we deal with real conflict situation in the area and, therefore, my Delegation requests the OSCE, its Kazakh Chairmanship and Delegations of Participating States to react adequately and take within its mandate early warning and conflict prevention measures.

**Thank you Chairman**