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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the earthquake in Türkiye

Mr. Chairperson,

The Russian Federation expresses its heartfelt condolences in connection with the recent devastating earthquakes in the Republic of Türkiye. The number of casualties is shocking, the scale of the destruction appalling. Words of sympathy and support to the families and friends of the dead and wishes for a speedy recovery to the victims of this natural disaster were conveyed by Russian President Vladimir Putin to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to his Turkish counterpart Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu.

On the instructions of the President of the Russian Federation, Russian specialists, including professional rescuers, doctors, psychologists and dog handlers, are assisting around the clock in dealing with the aftermath of the earthquakes in Türkiye. A mobile hospital has been deployed, an autonomous rescue camp is situated in the city of Kahramanmaraş, and a Be-200 aircraft of the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations is working to extinguish the fires.

Once again, we express our heartfelt sympathies and support to our Turkish colleagues.

Thank you for your attention.