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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT BY
AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY
WITH RESPECT TO THE DECISION ADOPTED AT THE
750TH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
12 FEBRUARY 2009**

Madam Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, Paragraph IV.1(A)6, my delegation would like to make an interpretative statement with respect to the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council (PC decision No. 883 of 12 February 2009) on the extension of the mandate for our OSCE military observers in Georgia, and to request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day, and to the decision in question.

Canada wishes to congratulate the Greek OSCE Chairmanship for their success in brokering this delicate compromise.

It is our understanding that this compromise decision we have reached buys us time to come to a better understanding of, and consensus on, the mandate that would give the OSCE a more comprehensive and meaningful presence on the ground in Georgia. This mandate should include unhindered access to all of Georgia's war-affected regions so that the OSCE can do its job, and can continue to contribute to the Geneva Process.

Thank you - Merci