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Regarding the situation in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the examination during the meeting of the Permanent Council of the situation that has arisen in the Kyrgyz Republic, our delegation would like to quote the comments on this matter issued by the press secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

"The Republic of Belarus is alarmed at the unfolding of events in the Kyrgyz Republic, a country with which we have friendly relations and where in recent days there have taken place clashes involving human casualties.

We are convinced that street confrontations cannot be a means for resolving problems that may arise.

We call on the parties to the conflict to abstain in the interests of the country from the further use of force, to restore political stability in Kyrgyz society and to demonstrate a willingness to settle all issues in conformity with the law".

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.