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Regarding the terrorist attack in Boston

Madam Chairperson,

We should like to express our condolences to the delegation of the United States of America regarding the tragic events in Boston on 15 April. We share the pain of loss experienced by the families and friends of the deceased and wish all of the injured persons a rapid recovery.

In a telegram of commiseration to US President Obama, the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, resolutely condemned this barbaric crime.

The terrorist act in Boston, which caused death and injury to innocent people, calls for the most resolute condemnation. It is particularly sacrilegious that this outrage was committed during the renowned Boston international marathon, in which athletes from many countries, including Russia, were taking part. Those who planned and executed this bloody crime should be harshly punished. Should it be requested to do so, Russia will provide the American law enforcement authorities with the necessary assistance in their investigations.

The terrorist act in Boston confirms the need to continue resolutely in combating terrorism by pooling the efforts of the entire international community to oppose this evil. The OSCE should also play its part by maintaining this focus as one of its key priorities.

Thank you for your attention.