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TO THE OSCE, AT THE MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding the murder of a journalist in Dagestan**

Mr. Chairperson,

We join in expressing our condolences to the family, loved ones and friends of Mr. Khadzhimurad Kamalov, the Dagestan journalist who was killed by unidentified persons on the night of 15 to 16 December in the city of Makhachkala.

We have every confidence that the Russian law enforcement authorities will carry out a careful investigation into what happened and that the guilty parties will be identified and made to suffer their just punishment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.