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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
INTERVENTION ON THE DEATH OF JOURNALIST
MR. ALISHER SAPOV IN OSH, KYRGYZSTAN
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Canada joins others in expressing our shock and sadness at the 24 October killing of the young journalist and human rights defender, Mr. Alisher Saipov in Osh, Kyrgyzstan.

Our delegation would like to convey our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Saipov.

Freedoms of expression and media are fundamental OSCE values and Canada condemns this most brutal denial of these human rights.

We are pleased with the quick response of Kyrgyz officials in attempting to find and prosecute those responsible for this crime. We look forward to a thorough and impartial investigation.