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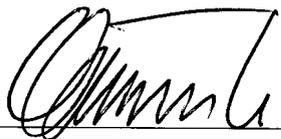
We thank you and your government for the information you have provided in the Permanent Council over the past few months regarding the demonstrations that took place in Belarus on 19 December and developments since then. The Permanent Council has had several detailed exchanges of view on this. These have revealed conflicting views on the extent to which Belarus has implemented its human dimension commitments during this period, for example in respect of freedom of assembly and association, freedom of expression and the rule of law. Unfortunately, since 31 December 2010, on-the-ground monitoring capacity has been severely curtailed.

Our view is that a particularly serious threat to the fulfilment of the provisions of the OSCE human dimension has arisen in Belarus. We therefore invoke Paragraph 12 of the 1991 Document of the Moscow Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE in order to establish a fact-finding mission of rapporteurs to examine these matters and to produce an independent and impartial report containing facts, proposals and advice.

We look forward to working with your government in the days ahead on the arrangements for the fact-finding mission. In accordance with Paragraph 10 of the Moscow Document, Belarus may select one member of the mission from the List of Experts appointed by participating States. We call on your government, in accordance

with Paragraph 6 of the Moscow Document, to cooperate fully with the mission of experts, to grant it all the facilities necessary for the independent exercise of its functions and to allow it to enter the territory of Belarus without delay and to travel freely therein to meet with those people from whom it wishes to obtain information.

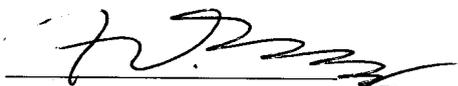
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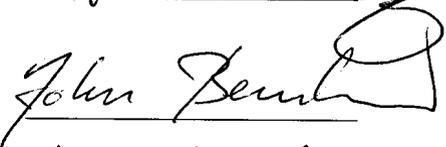
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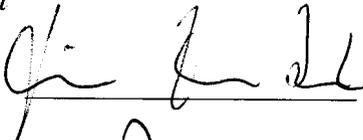
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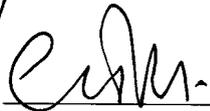
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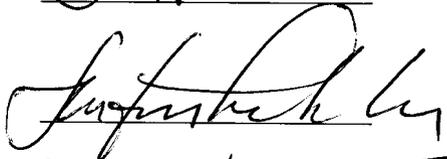
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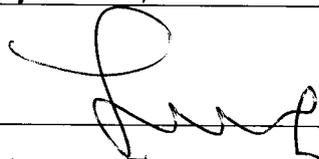
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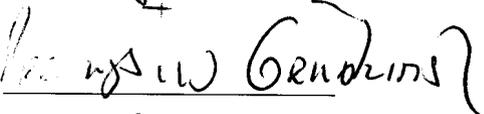
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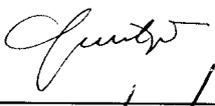
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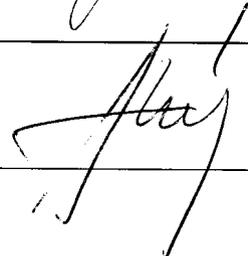
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