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

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**In response to the statement by Mr. Kanat Saudabayev,
Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan**

Mr. Chairperson, Kanat Bekmurzayevich,
Dear colleague Kairat,

Allow me first of all to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you, Kanat Bekmurzayevich, and to the entire delegation of Kazakhstan. We are happy to have you here with us again.

Let me begin by saying that this year has been a very difficult and eventful one for Kazakhstan, presenting a wide range of problems with which, as the country holding the Chairmanship, it has had to deal. In order to tackle these problems, Kazakhstan has made and is continuing to make no few efforts. Without exaggeration, I would note that the Kazakh Chairmanship has enriched our Organization with its own approach and vision of the political situation and, I might add, with what at times has been its unique position.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to Kazakhstan as the Chairmanship country for the moral and material support it has provided and is continuing to provide to Kyrgyzstan and for its timely humanitarian and technical assistance. All those efforts, initiatives and impulses are enabling the Government of my country to implement successfully the plan of action for the post-conflict rebuilding of Kyrgyzstan.

To be sure, not all aspects involved in the problems facing Kyrgyzstan have been dealt with precisely in the manner that the Organization's agenda might have required, but unquestionably the speed with which major decisions have been taken in an extraordinarily tense situation along with the systematic nature of the approaches adopted for the settlement process speak for themselves. The main thing is that Kazakhstan has been able in this situation to consolidate the efforts of all the major international organizations and countries in dealing with these issues. In that context, we highly value your personal contribution and contacts with the leadership of Kyrgyzstan and the work of your special representative, Ambassador Zhanybek Karibzhanov.

This year, esteemed colleague Kanat Bekmurzayevich, will be seen as a historic landmark in the work of our Organization during the first decade of the twenty-first century. For 11 years we have looked forward to this event, the OSCE Summit Meeting of Heads of State, which for the first time is to be held to the east of Vienna and, what is more, in our region. By taking the decision to convene this meeting in Astana, we have demonstrated our ability to achieve consensus on a global issue of such complexity.

We hope that the Astana Summit will enable the OSCE to find the proper path as it seeks to overcome the critical problems that have beset it during the past decade. The very fact that this meeting is being held in Astana testifies convincingly to the belief that our Organization is gradually putting itself into order, as we ourselves would wish it to. It is important that the Heads of State should succeed in starting or, better put, in “resetting” a powerful and flexible mechanism for responding to problems that may arise and, in this way, in enhancing the authority of the OSCE in the international community. During the period that has elapsed, Kazakhstan has been able to impart a kind of dynamism to the issues involved in global security and to focus attention on the basic problem areas in the OSCE region, and even on the situation in Afghanistan and the improvement of border security.

During the period of its Chairmanship, Kazakhstan has succeeded in a useful way in harmonizing the activities of the OSCE by placing greater emphasis on the economic and environmental components in its work. This primarily involves the “Maastricht Plus” initiative as well as the new standards of environmental security.

Thanks to the Chairmanship, we have been able to identify the “contours of the future” for subsequent projects in the area of security aimed at co-operation and complementarity. It is precisely in this direction that, over the longer term, we expect the OSCE to continue to evolve as a structure that reacts naturally and spontaneously to the new threats and challenges in the twenty-first century.

All of this primarily involves the strengthening of comprehensive security within the Organization’s area of responsibility, the development on a new level of the Helsinki principles and their renewal in specific areas, the countering of transnational threats and challenges in all three dimensions of the Organization’s work, the agreed formulation of principles for the peaceful resolution of “protracted conflicts” and for post-crisis rehabilitation within the OSCE area. The further development of the Corfu Process as a new methodological approach to security and of a new vision of the formation, integration and modernization of the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security communities will also be of considerable importance.

On the whole, Kyrgyzstan regards as extremely professional, focused and effective the Kazakh Chairmanship as demonstrated by the work of the Kazakh team in dealing with fairly complex issues in the activities of the Organization.

We fully support these approaches taken by the Chairmanship and regard them as a sound foundation for imparting a fresh impulse to the OSCE as a forum for dialogue and co-operation. We believe that, despite the existence of different approaches and opinions, our Organization must, as in the past, continue actively to update its activities in support of security and stability throughout the entire OSCE area.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.