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Mr. Chairperson,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is thanks to the far-sighted and systematic work of the Kazakh Chairmanship that so many Heads of State or Government and high-ranking personalities have gathered for this OSCE Summit. We thank His Excellency President Nazarbayev for his initiative and congratulate the Kazakh team on a judicious and successful Chairmanship this year. We are greatly impressed by the hospitality so deeply rooted in Kazakh culture that has been afforded us here in Astana.

Mr. Chairperson,

The fact that the last Summit was 11 years ago and that we are guests in a Central Asian country for the first time lends particular significance to our meeting.

We are meeting 35 years after the first Summit meeting of the CSCE in Helsinki and 20 years after the Summit meeting in Paris. In view of these milestones in the history of our Organization, the task ahead of us at the Astana Summit is to reflect on the *acquis* achieved, to reaffirm it and to address the new challenges.

We have succeeded in overcoming the Cold War and securing peace and stability on the European continent. In this very critical time we have come to appreciate the value of arms control instruments and confidence-building measures.

The Charter of Paris laid the foundations for common values – for the freedom and dignity of the individual, for democracy and the rule of law, and for a social market economy.

Over the last 20 years, we have managed to steer this profound transformation of totalitarian regimes into democracies and the formation of new States. The OSCE institutions and the co-operation with other international organizations have done us an important service in this regard.

Mr. Chairperson,

This is an impressive achievement for the OSCE that should give us confidence and self-assurance. We should, however, equally ask ourselves where things have gone wrong and what remains to be done.

We have undertaken to develop the OSCE further and entrust it with the task of combating new and cross-border threats in the area of terrorism, organized crime and drug trafficking.

We see these intentions as an important step towards the establishment of a European security community, which we shall support and strive for as the goal of our work in the coming years.

The most pressing task facing us, as we see it, is to overcome the conflicts that continue to exist in and destabilize the OSCE area. The OSCE has been unable to make a satisfactory contribution in this important area in recent years. Regrettably, the political will that would have permitted progress has so far been lacking.

Liechtenstein welcomes all the more our desire through the decisions adopted in Astana to create new possibilities in the area of conflict prevention and management and to strengthen the principle of co-operative security in this way. In this connection, we might also mention the valuable recommendations made by the High Commissioner on National Minorities.

We are pleased to note that the agreements on arms control, the strategies for energy and environmental protection and the urgently needed adaptations with respect to human rights have been included in the project to modernize the OSCE.

We are grateful to the host country Kazakhstan for the momentum that we have received this year in the area of tolerance.

Mr. Chairperson,

Liechtenstein is fortunate to have excellent relations with its neighbours, Switzerland and Austria, and to be situated in an economically stable region. This does not, however, reduce our interest in stability in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian region. As a country that does not belong to any security alliance, we value the OSCE as an important political forum for dialogue among equals. We know from our own history how fragile peace can be and how much it depends on developments on the continent.

Securing an economic foundation and prosperity are of priority for Liechtenstein's stability. With our small and export-oriented national economy we are particularly reliant on predictable and fair economic co-operation with our partners, underpinned by laws. Liechtenstein will, therefore, continue in future to champion within the OSCE the observance of international law, the rule of law and good governance in all areas.

Mr. Chairperson,

Liechtenstein views the Astana Summit as a chance for the OSCE. It is our hope that Astana will mark a turning point culminating in the determined political will of the States to make use of the possibilities of co-operative security and political dialogue provided by the OSCE. For that reason, the OSCE Summit in Astana will go down as an important event in the history of our Organization.

We wish Lithuania every success in chairing our Organization next year.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.