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**STATEMENT BY MR. ANVAR AZIMOV,
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AT THE MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding an exchange of letters between the OSCE Secretariat and
the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for
Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances
and their Precursors**

Mr. Chairperson,

In the light of the Chairmanship's plans for an exchange of letters between the OSCE Secretariat and the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors (CARICC), we should like to make the following comments.

We trust that the development of co-operation between the OSCE and CARICC will help to enhance the co-ordination of regional efforts to counter the drug threat, including the threat emanating from the territory of Afghanistan.

We believe it logical to continue the process of institutionalizing the OSCE's links with other organizations. There has long been a need for this with respect to the Collective Security Treaty Organization, which, like the OSCE, plays an active part in the combating of transnational threats and challenges.

Thank you for your attention.